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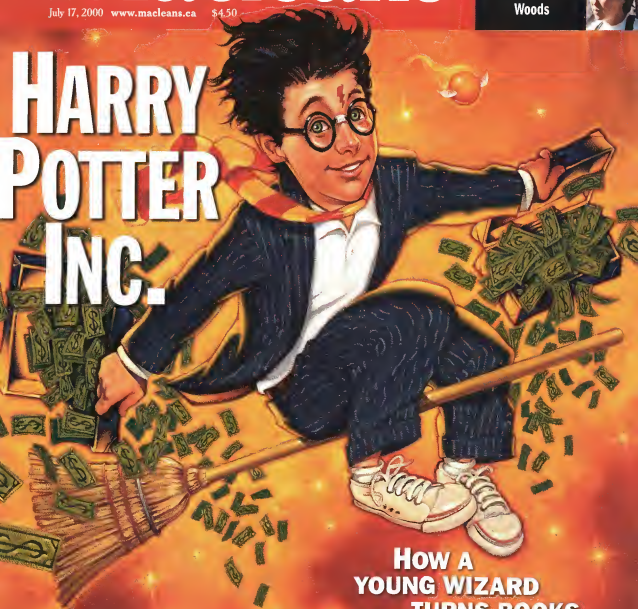
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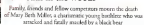
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Editor

The people always decide

Several **Stockwell Day** supporters have congratulated about the cover line on our July 10 edition, "How scary?" Bill Carroll of Kelowna, B.C., writes: "I have a major concern over the influence that your magazine, *The Globe and Mail* and CBC have over the electorate. Many western Canadians believe you control the electorate and without your support a politician cannot win."

It is not Marxist policy or mission to take sides in party politics. Misguided though our efforts may sometimes be viewed, as journalists we seek to illuminate issues and personalities. The cover line was simply designed to attract attention to the major theme of this week's campaigning—allegations by *Proton* Manning that, if elected Alliance party leader, **Stockwell Day** would score off moderate voters. In the main article, *Ontario* Editor John Gaddis wrote that if Day assigned the victory last Saturday—as he did—"it will prove that Alliance members believe he wasn't so scary after all." Then he concluded: "How many other Canadians can be similarly reassured would then be a question for the federal election Prime Minister Jean Chrétien is expected to call this fall or next spring."

In sum, it may be comforting to blame a media cabal, but the plain fact is—always has been—the electorate will decide. The future of Day's new Canadian Alliance party lies at the ballot box, not in national newspapers. He may well be on his way to a larger victory as the first face against a moral government. And he knows that exposing radically conservative

views on abortion, capital punishment and same-sex unions in a largely liberal country is not the route to 24 Sussex Drive. For aye, these positions are minority views in Canada. In a national poll of 1,000 people last month for *The Toronto Star* (Bos Research Associates), only 28 per cent of respondents (36 per cent among Alliance supporters) described themselves as pro-life, while 37 per cent (63 per cent Alliance) opposed extending rights to same-sex couples. Only on the issue of capital punishment were these grounds for encouragement, with 69 per cent (85 per cent Alliance) in favour. Strikingly, Elton found that after its initial spurt, Alliance support had melted at 16 per cent, despite a leadership convention that dominated the news media throughout the spring and early summer.

As **Stockwell Day** himself has noted, social conservatives may want to think twice before rushing into referendum on contentious issues. That could be the smart way to see those views rejected by the vast majority of Canadians. Day is more likely to favour free votes in the Commons. In the end, though, the people will decide at the ballot box. They always do.

Robert Lewis

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on *From the Editor*

Newsroom Notes
Wild about Harry

Senior Writer Brian Treharne has been intimately acquainted with *Harry Potter* for the past 10 months, ever since he, his wife Penny Goldie and their 11-year-old son Ian discovered J.K. Rowling's creation more or less simultaneously. "As a common family fascination, it was great," says Treharne.

"Then when it evolved into a really good-natured tug-of-war over who had first dibs on the next book," it was an intense



Behave and friend, fascination

this word. Behave in good stead when he had to crash-read the new *Potter* novel, embargoed until 12:01 a.m. on July 8, in time to write this week's cover story (page 42).

Last fall, bookshelves say, many parents solved their family toils by buying individual copies for each *Potter*-mad child. They wonder whether that will happen again with *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*—longer, darker and more expensive than its three predecessors. Rowling has embarked on an ambitious gamble with the

most phenomenal publishing success ever seen. The outcome will be as fascinating as any of Harry's adventures.



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Jennings hosted a teen dance party
Canadian excellence

Your feature article about seven high achievers, offering about and praising Canadian attributes, was heartwarming and inspiring, to say the least ("Great Canadians," Cover, July 1). Canadians desperately need to hear that we are OK, that we are innovative, intelligent, successful, and that we can compete without trying to be like Americans. It is refreshing to hear something positive for a change.
Joan Good, Toronto

I enjoyed the "Great Canadians" article, particularly the piece on news anchor Peter Jennings. It brought to mind one of the few times (maybe the only one) Jennings was at a disadvantage in

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his career. He was a staff announcer at Ottawa's CKOH TV in the early 1960s. I was the morning-drive guy on what was then CKOP AM, one of Canada's earliest Top 40 radio stations. One Saturday evening, Jennings phoned to say that he had been assigned, on short notice, to host the TV station's teen dance party show that afternoon. He confessed that he knew little about the current teen music scene. In return for coaching him, I asked that he interview me on his wacky watched late-evening talk show. He agreed, and we spent a large part of that Saturday going over current hit charts and his thoughts, as well as CKOP's current playlist and survey of Ottawa's hits that week. His dance party debut was a success. The same cannot be said for my interview. It came a couple of us discussed an editorial comment program that the CBC had dropped and CKOP had picked up for broadcast—a subject that I knew even less about than Jennings did of our music. I did survive, celebrating 46 years on the business end of a microphone that past June 24.

Johnny Murphy, Portage la Proule, Man.

In introducing Denise Delella of MultiMedia, you remark that she grew up in the "trendy" Toronto neighbourhood of Scarborough. We have just been driving through Scarborough on a lovely, warm summer day, and that description is false. There are wonderful green areas through Scarborough, and hundreds of trees, old and new.
Dorothy Prosser, Toronto

Peter C. Newman identified many great Canadian inventions, including a number of engineering firsts ("A land of excellence," Cover Essay, July 1). According to a poll conducted in connection with National Engineering Week in 1999, the least patentable—

invented by Canadian electrical engineer Jack Hipple in 1954—is the engineering achievement of the 20th century that makes Canadians most proud. That vital device was huge, and it was 1958 before a pacemaker was made small enough to be implanted in a human body. Hipple himself was fitted with a pacemaker in 1985, and 1—a retired engineer—are also one of hundreds of grateful recipients of his life-extending invention. In the poll, the pacemaker was up against other top Canadian engineering accomplishments, including the Canadian (and an space-shuttle mission, Intex (big-screen screen) and Prince Edward Island's Confederation Bridge. Excellence is indeed a hallmark of Canadian engineering.
Joe A. Rivett, Ottawa, Ont.

Peter C. Newman's praise of Canada using the example of "Ontario is about to become the number 1 auto-producing region in North America" fits in the face of a comment in the

following paragraph referring to our "tragically dysfunctional health-care system." The success of Canada's automotive industry has often been tied to the much lower cost of health-care expenses, and therefore lower production costs, that our manufacturers enjoy in Canada versus the United States. Even at a significantly lower cost, I will put our health-care system up against the Americans' no-system delivery of health care any day. Kudos to Canada on both fronts.

Thomas B. Hinton, Winnipeg

Everyday heroes

I am an employee of Mac, River and David Johnson, the two heroes who pulled pilot Roland Robert from his helicopter in August 1998 ("Above and beyond," Canada, July 1). I came to work for these two best friends, neighbours and business partners in January of this year. My boyfriend's father was in a terrible car accident three weeks after I started

work, and he subsequently died of his injuries. I was given time off work to get our family affairs in order before and after his death. My new employer, who had never met the deceased, sent food and flowers for the funeral. Another employee at our office could tell you that when his wife gave birth prematurely, these two heroes gave him a month off (again with pay) to deal with all the trips to the hospital. These two guys always put others before themselves.

Mary Longman, Chatham, Ont.

All of the people in "Above and beyond" risked their lives for someone else. Well, I have a story that almost went unrecognized. On June 6, 1997, while my parents were gardening at their home next to a private airport in Astoria, Ore., a small Piper aircraft fell to the ground just behind their property and burst into flames. My father got to the burning aircraft and, with neighbour Trevor Burton and Susan Foster, was able to get one of the two occupants out. My mother

grabbed a bulldozer and put it in coal water to help the victim. They were able to keep him alive long enough for his parents to be notified and my goodness to their son. My father and my neighbour named the Commissioner's Citation for Bravery. He was nominated for a Carnegie Medal, but never received it. My father is the most wonderful man I have ever met. There is nothing he wouldn't do for anyone.
Lisa Montgomery, Astoria, Ore.

'Protest mentality'

Thank you for choosing to publish the guest submission, "Proud of my protest too!" (Over to You, Beverly Young, July 1). It was so refreshing to get a glimpse of the other side of this story in the mainstream media. I attended marches in Victoria and Seattle

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Overheard

A new Ottawa boom?

Joe Pigott, the former head of the National Capital Commission, has his way, the roost gun in the airsoft capital will boom again. The tradition started in 1897, when Sir **John A. Macdonald's** government ordered a gun fired daily to mark special occasions such as their wedding. The two-roost gun, made in Wales, was donated by the British Army in 1854 after use in the Crimean War. In 1991, it was seized by the NCC due to costs, but reacquired in 1992—this time on Parliament Hill—and came under the control of the office of the parliamentary Speaker. After the Liberals came to power in late 1993, it seemed it again, firing costs. There were also disputes over who should fire the gun—parliamentary staff or military personnel. Efforts to find a local signmaker to make the sound and estimated expense of about \$20,000 a year were frustrated.



The way in old days, it survived the Crimean War, but not another war

Now, Pigeon has launched a campaign to revive the tradition—although not everyone is thrilled by the idea. A letter to the *Ottawa Citizen* argued “the desecrating noise would be destructive” to “the delicate issues” of children and seniors. Pigeon is undaunted. “These are important symbols,” she says. “We need them.”

Overbites

The one thing we have over those bands is we're actually *Canadians*."

—**Raine Maida** of Our Lady Peace, the one homegrown band of a Canada Day weekend sponsored by Molson



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"He doesn't drink Coors Light, he drinks Labatt."

—Blue Jays manager **Jim Fregosi** waits in terror in a Sports Illustrated profile of **David Wells** that attacked his grit and kindness for base. The team's owner is interviewed, parent conspiracy of LaPorte.

"I'm glad to have had this opportunity to come back to Canada."

—Filipino nanny **Leticia Cables** returns to Canada, four months after being kicked out for running afoul of federal government rules by working at more than one job.

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Malina style! *Gossamer*!
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◆ **Melan:** Flag-hugging beer company hosts nationwide rockfest July 1—with almost entirely American performers. As your friends at Budweiser say, *whoooooaaaaaaah?*

➤ **Jean Chrétien:** He's earned, earned, study—and hasn't puffed on more than a weed! Bring on the Alliance!

♦ **Citizenship Canada:** Fed department sends one-page letter to citizenship applicants with 35 grammatical and spelling errors. But those errors aren't errors—another

 **Harry Potter:** How hot a fictional wizard/fade? literary hero? Canada Post makes special Saturday delivery of copies of new book. Now that's magic!

➔ **Al Gore:** His campaign is so dull that numerous par. Joan Brokaw as has accused half of Democratic ticket for sex appeal. Sassy, Piers Morgan, is that Kewellon Nash on your Radar?

◆ **Alma McDonough and Gilles Duquette:** Now is the time for all good men (and women) to come to the aid of their parties. Come back from wherever you are.

Overseen

Train people, not their dogs

According to the "dog trainer" in the book, it's an easy job that demands obedience above all else. It's dog owners, says Matteson, who are the real fun, and an effective approach to teaching people about their dogs. Her first training job was with Kevin Costner and his Labrador retriever, Wyatt, and Jim Caviezel and his Jack Russell terrier, Cark. Even in Toronto, Matteson has spent more of her life in California. In 1997, she was voted best dog trainer in the city by *Los Angeles magazine*. In her book *How to Be a Mom*, the 36-year-old Matteson does some dabbling about celebrity pet problems, which, she says, are no different from the average parents'. And she breaks down owners into simple personality types. Owners include obsessives, whiners, natters, control freaks, readers, dogs develop into divas, dog pigs, they like, muchos man, big dog or well-loved. For Matteson,



Alaricus with golf. *Scooter* by *Amber* and *Amber*

who has a degree in human psychology, it usually takes right scientists to bring any combination of dog and owner to an understanding. Her book covers some common human-dog miscommunications. "Usually, people call their dog over and over without letting them know what they mean," says Martens. "By the time the dog has eight months old, it has learned to tune you out, similar to your spouse." Martens explains how to use games like hide-and-seek at home, so much dogs that when you call them name, even in a park, they should turn to a dime and "use" you. In her own book, jokes Martens, she'll reveal several of the mistakes a mixed-up dog owner

Another hogshead of beer, please!

Having trouble converting miles into Attometers? Don't panic, in comparison with some of the very old fashioned measurements that can confuse readers of ancient documents and literary classics. Take the cubit— which measures the distance from the elbow to the finger tip. While today a cubit is 18 inches, there are at least 12 historical ways to calculate the same length in ancient Greek epics, a cubit is 16.2 inches, while a biblical cubit is 22.5 inches. Here are some other ancient measurements and how they translate into today's world:

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Tea cup	gint	0.05
Half (½) English	inches	2.25
Paces	metres	0.762
Handbreadth	Metre	228.47
Flit (Ancient Roman)	inches	11.75

Source: *Journal of the American Statistical Association*, 1997, 92, 1039-1050.

Over Again

Gaelic, revisited

In the early 19th century, Gaelic was so pervasive in Newfoundland that Roman Catholic Church masses were conducted in the language, and intonation sometimes had to imitate canon proceedings from English in Gaelic for deafening. But by the middle of the century, Gaelic speakers had largely abandoned the language for English. Today, only a scattering of Newfoundlanders are fluent in Gaelic. A historical overhistory course offered at Memorial University in St. John's is largely due to efforts by Alasdair D'Ùrban, a second, former, historian and self-styled quaker of the language. D'Ùrban discussed his linguistic adjacency with Senior Writer D'Arcy Jenish.

*Gaelic was the language of the poor in Ireland. It disappeared in Newfoundland.



Of great thanks re-
bent, a language live

Gaelic is all Newfoundland. He died in 1944 and I gave it up until 1970, when I attended a Gaelic class at Memorial, taught by a professor from Dublin.

"A few years later, a group of people expressed an interest in the language and asked me to tutor them. I was just a farmer with, I suppose, a Grade 11 education and I was instructing all these PhDs. But they were quite friendly: one of my former students is now teaching the Gaelic course at Memorial. It's a difficult language to learn unless you take off your boots and get into it. You've got to hear it and use it to become fluent, but for many years I never met anybody with any interest in Gaelic."

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Resigned: Saying she had accomplished what she set out to do, Calgary police Chief Christine Silverberg, 50, will leave her post on Oct. 10 after five years. The first woman to head a major city police department, Silverberg was praised for her leadership in handling the World Petroleum Congress last month, a potentially volatile event. Her announced departure unsettled city council and the Calgary Police Committee, which recently voted to extend her contract by another five years. Prior to her appointment in Calgary, Silverberg, who grew up on a farm near Brunswick, Ont., was deputy chief of police in the Ontario municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth. The notion of two is considering going to law school before starting a police consulting company for newly democratic countries.



Dieck: Howard Leventer played a key role in the creation of the old, 45-year-old newspaper into a key component of the *National Post* in his role as the senior deputy editor. The Kingston, Ont.-born editor graduated with a journalism degree from Ryerson Polytechnic Institute (now a university), then worked at the *London Free Press* and *The Canadian Press*. He joined the *Financial Post* in 1988. In 1993, removed for his inactivity and passion for his profession, died after suffering an allergic reaction while dining at a Toronto restaurant just before his 59th birthday.

Awarded: Former tough-guy hockey player Tony Togni, 32, who recently retired from the St. Louis Blues, won a defamation lawsuit in St. Louis circuit court worth \$36.5 million against 39-year-old Canadian comic-book creator Todd McFarlane and those involved with the comic book *Spawn*.

The comic featured a corpse reborn as a superhero named "Spawn Towards," also known as "Tony Togni." Togni and the character own him extensive endorsement deals. McFarlane plans to appeal.

Dead: Indianapolis Colts running back Fred Lane was shot at home in Charlotte, N.C., by his wife, Debra, a week after she gave birth to their second child. Lane, 34, who was traded to the Colts by the Carolina Panthers in April, had played three seasons in the National Football League and was the all-time leading rusher with the Panthers. He had a drug-possession charge pending and there were reports of domestic problems.

Appointed: Edward Clark, 52, known in his federal civil-service days as "Ed the Red," has been named chief operating officer of the Toronto Dominion Bank—a move that leaves him positioned to eventually succeed CEO Charles Balfour, 60. Clark, who attended the University of Toronto and Harvard and has a PhD in economics, headed Canada Trust when TD took it over in August. His retirement came from his role in the early 1990s in driving the National Energy Program, the Trudeau Liberals' environmental policy in the wake of his appointment. TD vice-chairman Robert Kelly, once also sent as CEO material, left the bank.

Dead: St. Lawrence Seaway historian François Lefebvre, 68, grew up in White, Ont., one of seven villages flooded in 1958 to create the seaway. During that time, 6,500 people were relocated. Later, Lefebvre founded the Lake Villages Historical Society, which includes a museum not far from his home in Ingleside, Ont. Lefebvre, a teacher and librarian for nearly 40 years, died of cancer.

Retired: Veteran forward Guy Carbonneau, 40, one of the NHL's top defencemen, is hanging up his skates after 19 years. He played with the Montreal Canadiens for 13 years, winning the Stanley Cup twice, and went on to play in 1999 with the Dallas Stars. A native of Saginaw, Que., Carbonneau is now talking with both the Stars and Habs about a management position.

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Over to You



Michael Lightstone

Family, yes; religion, no

Seething in line during brunch at his cousin's bar mitzvah, my hungry nine-year-old scanned a food table and anxiously asked, "Can we go home here?"

This may sound like the makings of a Jerry Seinfeld joke, but in our non-religious Catholic-Jewish household it was simply another slice of life.

"Uh, no," I said with a little smile. "You won't find any bacon here."

We went to an Orthodox synagogue. The guys in the kitchen had two-wheeled yarmulkes on their heads. Pretty strong signals, I felt, that the reception meant a kosher meal. Our pork-eating son, however, didn't have any religious dietary laws on his mind. He was well-behaved during my niece's rit of passage into Jewish adulthood, and a tiny-looking meal was so he had the reward for a long morning service. His disappointment turned to stomach when visions of crispy bacon strips were replaced by a freshly cooked waffle with strawberries

and chocolate sauce. If only other mixed-marriage challenges were so easily overcome.

Canada is home to plenty of two-stock families with disparate faiths. I'm a non-practicing Jew who questions the existence of God; my Catholic wife goes to church once in a blue moon. Luckily, true love has overcome all potential threats to our 16-year union. Over the years, we've no-doubt confounded family members (on both sides) with our beliefs and secular, home-made holiday celebrations. We buy a small tree for Christmas, but it gets mirrored with simple, non-religious decorations. The kids receive Hanukkah gifts—traditional holiday money—from Jewish kin, but we don't celebrate the event, so there's no candle-lighting ritual at home.

Before our first child was born, a relative asked which religion our kids would follow. She was curious, the wife, because it's imperative for children to

learn about ancestry. I argued. But she looked at me as if I was a Mormon when I stressed we would teach those crucial lessons without a priest or rabbi. Bring me a family surviving on nothing but love, respect, honesty and compassion.

After our elder arrived, another relative hoped to welcome her into the Christian community by converting my wife to have her baptized—without my knowledge. Needless to say, she declined. Our children have attended church services, as well as a Jewish wedding and bar mitzvah, but have not been encouraged by us to lean either way. When questions arise about religion, we try to answer them. If they need information beyond our experience, we seek outside sources.

I'm glad our kids were able to witness their cousin's bar mitzvah, a turning point in the life of a Jewish girl. I love the joy on their faces at Christmas, my favorite time of year. When our children—7, 9 and 11—are mature enough to choose, they might choose to follow Judaism or Christianity. They could easily decide neither is any driving power and search for another faith. If they reject God and religion, that's OK, too. We'll stand clear of the path they select for themselves, happy in our hearts the choice was theirs.

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Anthony Wilson-Smith

What's new about the Web

At last, good news for those who aren't comfortable surfing the Web: you don't have to worry about it much longer. It's noisy, frenetic, dumb, caused to be, an ex-mediocrity—or at least that's the case in the world of the venture capitalist who finance online start-up companies. Last week, the well-regarded news service APB Online Inc.—which recently was planning a separate Canadian spinoff site—became the first big-name Web operator to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Last month, Seles, the smart, provocative magazine-style site that's more interesting than many print publications, laid off 13 editorial employees and increasing losses and diminishing revenue expectations. Between April, 1999, and March of this year, according to *The Industry Standard* magazine, Internet IPOs came onto the market at a cost of 25 a month in the United States. These were the good old days, when the line among venture capitalism was that "there's a lot more money than stars." Then came the mid-April lull, as the Nasdaq exchange sank 25 per cent; now, that IPO figure has fallen by half, and the only money going to tech companies is aimed at those focusing on technical innovation, not editorial content. Perhaps, then, it's only a matter of time till the Web vanishes in a blaze of burned-out fibre optics, and we're back to the primitive offline days of the early 1990s.

If so, that puts Web operators in good company with many traditional media because—didn't you know—we're all going down in flames. The companies that run our own national dailies, Thomson Inc. and Hollinger Inc., have both put a lot of their other properties up for sale. The overall learning and viewing numbers for individual radio and television stations have been dropping for years. Recently, both *The Globe and Mail* and *National Post* ran stories forecasting the death of *Mailnet* because, they say, there's no longer a market for weekly newsmagazines in an era of instant news. Now don't a not-in-a-hovel argument, almost from the day that Time created the newsmagazine in the 1930s, competitors have announced that everything from radio to TV to all-news newsmagazines would kill the format. Sorry, guys—hardly happened—and television, newspapers and the radio aren't about to disappear either.

The reality is that other than old analog newsmags and news critics, it's hard to think of a form of news delivery that has just disappeared. Instead, everyone in the journalism business renews their approach to news on a regular basis. If you're a discriminating news junkie, you use different media to serve different needs, depending, for example, whether your bigger priority is depth or immediacy.

Savvy news consumers realize that every form of media has its strengths and failings. The Web—according to last year's

mantra—was going to change the way everyone else conducted business. Instead, it has become clear that to succeed, the Web must become more like every other medium, incorporating various elements from each. For a while, it was a cool thing to say that you surfed off each day by surfing the contents of a dozen or more sites from around the world. But most people don't have the time to do that, or the training to understand the significance of individual stories unless they're given some sort of context. That's what traditional media do for you by choosing the front page, or cover, or broadcast lineup. Most news-oriented Web sites gain credibility by posting stories from newspapers, magazines or TV. Much of the news on the Web, in short, comes to it second-hand. At the same time, much of what is original on the Web ends up repackaged and rewritten in newspapers, often without credit. For those who like gossip, for example, spend a week reading the terrific *Joanne's Weekly* column daily on *auto-motors.com*—and then watch for those same items in your local newspaper, day later.

It's obvious the Web is an unstoppable force—and, in general, a positive one, because it democratizes the news process and speeds it up. But it has inadvertently created or encouraged several trends that are problematic for journalists. One is that consumers are increasingly used to receiving something for nothing: why pay a buck or so for *The New York Times* when you can read its stories online for free? That's great on one hand—but good journalism and good journalism our money. If the Web eventually dominates all other media—by contrast to be, at best, a break-even venture—the quality of reporting will suffer.

Another concern, for those who care about privacy, is that anybody can make anything public, as long as they have a Web site. Unlike newspapers, there are no space limitations. *The American Journalism Review* recently noted the trend at some sites to reveal such areas as the salaries of local public officials, names of political contributors, how much they gave, where they live and what they do. Just because we can publish that information, does it mean we should?

The only thing clear about the future, is the TV talking heads say, is that nothing is clear. In some ways, technology is changing the rules of journalism too quickly for our mortal selves to keep up. In other ways, the business is unchanged, with old media companies increasingly dominating the Web, the brave new online world no longer looks either better or especially new. If you're a traditionalist, pack your radio and newspaper when you head to the cottage this weekend; if you're a tech-head, a laptop and wireless modem will do. Either way, the news you receive won't be much different.

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On to Ottawa

After defeating Preston Manning to lead the Canadian Alliance, Stockwell Day begins the task of restoring party unity

By John Gosses

If there is one thing many Canadians now know about Stockwell Day, it is that he relishes a tough workout. The most memorable images of him at the Canadian Alliance leadership race were not at the podium debating, but at the arena joggng and in the gym pounding the treadmill. When it came to the campaign itself, though, Day hardly seemed to break a sweat. At the finish line, what made his victory remarkable was not just that he had beaten Preston Manning,

but that he had outpaced his better-known rival with apparent ease. If Day ever doubted that he would triumph in his first outing on the national stage, the recent Alberta cabinet minister never let the worry creep into his voice at cross his face. "This is a new century, this is a new party," he told ecstatic supporters at the Toronto airport-very hotel where the outcome was announced on Saturday night, adding, perhaps in a play on his own name, "It's a new day in Canada."

For all this bravado, Day was careful to make his July 8 tribute to Manning something more than a perfunctory nod to the vanquished "Preston," he said, "we can honestly say that if it was not for you, we would not be here tonight." The point was, in fact, indisputable: It is hard to imagine the new Canadian Reform Conservative Alliance existing at all were it not for Manning's doggedness and daring. Day, 45, won over the new party in less than four months, captivating crowds with his flair for up-close con-

ner, while capitalizing on a made-for-television look to reach a wider audience. Manning, 58, had followed a far longer path, painstakingly carving a whole new conservative movement for more than a decade, compensating for awkwardness with sincerity, while making do with a voice and appearance ill-suited to the mass media. In the end, Day reaped what Manning sowed.

But, then, nobody ever said politics is fair. The game has rarely looked less forgiving than it did for the weary, red-eyed founder of the Reform party, as he struggled to close the gap during the final stage of this contest, when Day established a commanding lead in a June 24 first ballot. The passions of the two candidates told the story: Manning angrily roared, Day stopping. How closely the two can now work together may begin to become clear this week when Day meets with

gravelly understood Manning's value to the party. Among the key proponents of this analysis is pollster André Turcotte, the Manning loyalist whose number-crunching backed up the gut instincts of those who pushed for the creation of the Alliance. Turcotte told *Maclean's* that his most recent opinion polling, conducted in March and April, found that just 21 per cent of voting-age Canadians were "uncomfortable" with the idea of an Alliance government, but 45 per cent were comfortable with the notion of Manning in prime minister. (He had no comparable rating for Day.) "The Alliance idea," Turcotte summed up, "was to dispel the negative, built on the fact that people were becoming increasingly comfortable with Manning, and move forward."

Turcotte predicts any forward motion will now be stalled under Day. He sees the new leader facing at least as much resistance outside Alberta and British Columbia—especially in Ontario—as Manning blazed in to long as vain to overcome. The parallels are undeniably striking. Like Manning before him, Day arrives on the federal scene as an evangelical Christian from Alberta with strong social-conservative convictions, notably opposition to abortion. To be sure, Day campaigned on other policy aims, like curbing taxes, decentralizing the federation and magnifying up the way the prison system handles violent criminals. But he also counted the well-organized support of pro-life groups. "The problem," said Rick Anderson, Manning's top strategist and a driving force behind the bid to broaden Reform by turning it into the Alliance, "is one of balance—whether the party is being swamped by people with a particular agenda, and not necessarily any long-term consensus on building a balanced coalition."

Day fought off increasingly blunt charges towards the end of the race that he was winning on the strength of fervor, but narrowly failed to support. He pointed to signs of wider appeal, symbolized by an endorsement last week from the late Ontario Tory MP Jim Jones, who devoted his maiden to run next time as both the Alliance and Conservative candidate. (Jones was briefly kicked out of the Conservative caucus by the party's beleaguered leader, Joe Clark.) Along with charges that he is a special-interest candidate of the Christian right, Day faced critics who cast him as a loose cannon, dropping up colorful quotes from his 14 years in the Alberta legislature. (Perhaps the most popular citation: Day's suggestion that send child to live Chabriel Oban be transferred to the general prison population.) "Some of my critics hold up three or four comments—after 14 years," he told *Maclean's*. "The Prime Minister has three or four of those about every 10 days."

He pleaded instead for attention to his major policy speeches from the campaign, not faded newspaper clippings. In fact, there was no shortage of fodder for his opponents in Day's more carefully considered pronouncements. One was his pitch for support in Quebec, delivered at a major speech



Manning with his wife, Sandra, in a graceful embrace, a jobless Day and wife Valerie (left), how clearly can the two work together?

Canadian Alliance MPs—what had been Manning's caucus—in Ottawa. Caucus chairwoman Val Mendith, a Day supporter, said she is confident last Friday will disappear. "It's one of those bids, and there have been many times when we've had fights among the siblings, but at the end of the day we're a family and we stick together, particularly when someone from the outside threatens us," she said.

Still, the clashes between the Manning and Day camps warmed better in the campaign's final days, and the tension was not merely about tactics. The two sides had made fundamentally conflicting, cold-blooded calculations about how the Alliance could win where Reform fell short. Day's backers held that a fresh face was essential. Manning's backers countered that their much-hard-won credibility was irreplaceable.

Alliance members decided overwhelmingly that for the party to look truly fresh it needed a new leader. They handed Day 63 per cent of more than 114,000 votes cast. The losing side's top strategists grumbled that the risk and Re had

Manning endorsed Day and delivered a message to the Prime Minister: 'Mr. Chrétien, your time is up'



The Messing and Days in a display of unity: 'we're a family, we stick together'

in Quebec City, in which Day described himself as the "provincial autonomy candidate." He called for a Canadian federation more like the European Union. He promised the end of an "arrogant central government that is constantly transferring in provincial jurisdictions." He would overturn the Liberal government's policy of enforcing national standards by transferring to our off funding to provinces that violate principles of unselfishness. Instead, Day proposed a shift to "standards voluntarily and mutually agreed to by the provinces." A Day-led federal government would be assisted with the role of "observer or facilitator" when the provinces meet to shape Canadian social policy.

The sole Liberal cabinet heavyweight from Alberta, Justice Minister Anne McLellan, says Day will have trouble convincing voters to send an anti-Ottawa man to 24 Sussex Drive. Even in his home province, she said, there is often a hankering for a loud federal voice in areas like health care. Many Al-

bertans wanted Ottawa to take a tougher stance against Premier Ralph Klein's recent law giving private companies more to carve out bigger health-care niches. "I don't get the impression people have been paying much attention to the substance of the Alliance campaign," McLellan told Maclean's. "When they do, they're going to say, 'Hey, what do you mean by provincial autonomy? When do you want to take this country?'"

Policy, though, was far from the minds of Alliance members who cheered Day's rousing win. In their bilingual, ethnic new leaders, they believe they have a winner. Manning received a huge ovation when he urged Day to "knock on the door of 24 Sussex Drive and say, 'Mr. Chrétien, your time is up.'" Day alluded to the Prime Minister's prediction that the next election will be fought over the ideological divide that separates the Alliance and the Liberals. "He wants it to be a discussion and a debate about values," Day said. "I'm in." And Canadians are in for a new style of politics on the night. ■

Stock phrases

Five Canadian politicians have provided us with a taste of combative quotes at Stockwell Day. A brief compendium.

On federal tax breaks for outside-the-home child-care expenses, but not stay-at-home parents:

"Right now, we have a federal Liberal government that tries to socially engineer families and individuals into their own image. It's not a very pretty image."

On why serial child-murderer Clifford Olson should serve his life sentence in the general prison population:

"The moral prisoners will deal with him in a way we don't have the nerve to do."

On the policy approach that follows from his anti-abortion stance:

"Use taxpayer dollars only for [abortions in] cases which are medically life-threatening."

On why some people are gay:

"Homosexuality is a choice, in my view."

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The Death of Promise

Family, friends and fellow competitors mourn a young biathlete killed by a bear

By Brenda Brunsell

Mary Beth Miller lived much of her short life outdoors in a world of athletic striving. When the world's training in her sport, the 24-year-old high-level biathlete might be found pushing a canoe or training on a mountain bike. Growing up in Yellowknife, Miller loved the outdoors. She was also aware of its perils. In 1996, Miller worked on a wildlife education on an environmental impact study on the Barents Lands 200 km north of Yellowknife. She took part in surveys of several species, including caribou and grizzly bears. The subject of bears resurfaced last month when Miller arrived at the biathlon training centre near Quebec City and learned of a recent black bear sighting. Last week, as Miller jogged alone on a popular running trail, a bear charged her from the side. She broke free, but stumbled and was fatally mowed. "She knew and understood and respected bears," close friend Kristine Saugen said. "She respected nature and spent a lot of time in it. And I think that's what makes this even harder."

Miller's death stunned Canada's close-knit biathlon community. Ranked fifth nationally, Miller went to Val d'Isère, Que., for a summer training session, her eighth as an making the national women's team. Canadian Forum Base Val d'Isère is home to one of two national training sites for the sport. (The other is in Canmore, Alta.) Named after Canada's most celebrated biathlete, the Myrnesen Behind Biathlon Centre has 40 km of trails winding through the Laurentian Mountains.

Miller was a latecomer to the sport. Born in Kitchener, Ont., she moved with her family to Yellowknife at age six. The third of four children, she competed in cross-country skiing and speed skating as a teenager. At 18, she switched to biathlon, which combines cross-country skiing and shooting. Miller attended Augustana University College in Canmore, Alta., graduating last year with a bachelor of science degree in biology and physical education. Craig Ferguson, her university biathlon coach, says Miller was attention of her future in the sport. But he believes she was spurned on by a bronze-medal performance at the 1999 North American biathlon championship in Canmore. The



Miller training in 1998 on Yellowknife for a report for nature

success helped earn Miller the Northwest Territories female athlete of 1999 honour.

Friends and former coaches paint a picture of an unfailingly upbeat, charismatic young woman. At her father's memorial service several years ago, it was Miller who stayed longest, comforting people. "We want everyone to know when he was going, extraordinary women Mary Beth was," her family said in a statement. N.W.T. biathlon coach Doug Swillock says that

while Miller was a fierce competitor on the trails, she also believed in her play. "We one national competition we had worked all morning to find the perfect way," recalled Swillock. "She remained a secret," he said, until he heard Miller call an athlete from another provincial team. "We used this one. What did you use?" Added Swillock: "She wanted everyone to have the same opportunity to win." Sylvia Broadbent, 23, a senior member of Canada's national biathlon team, also has fond memories. Despite the team atmosphere at team selection events, Broadbent still Miller would "come talk to us, with me good luck and tell how I was doing. She was nice to everyone."

The two women spoke recently in Val d'Isère where Broadbent trains. One topic they discussed was bear. "She told me that she always ran with her dog at home precisely because of the bears," said Broadbent, who added Miller was careful at Val d'Isère not to venture too far on the paths. On that fateful morning, Miller went alone even though athletes are advised to join up. But people involved in the sport say finding a training partner is difficult. Miller's body was found about one kilometre from the biathlon shooting range on a wide path, which parallels a road and is used by scores of skiers for training runs. "I would never have believed that there would be a danger on the trail where she was as close to the road," says Broadbent. Four days later, wildlife officials euthanized the second of two bears caught in the area (the first was a he). Police say they are 90-per-cent certain it was the one that killed Miller.

Athletes and coaches learned red-tailed hawks that they spent a particularly risky weekend, who was two gold medals in biathlon at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics, says the often saw bear tracks on the Val d'Isère trails but never actually saw one of the animals. He told Miller about snow-covered downed or mountain bikers will encounter animals at some point. "Everyone who goes close to a forest will find a bear," she said. "It's not because we're doing biathlon that it's dangerous."

Following a memorial service for Miller at the Yellowknife Ski Club, family and friends planned to scatter her ashes this week along the nearby trails where she often raced. The loss of Miller, who had a knack for making others feel good, leaves a painful void. "She was like the backbone," said Saugen in a shaky voice. "She was always the one who picked us all up."

'Talk firmly, back away, never run'

Two wild animal attacks last week may have some Canadians wondering whether the great outdoors has suddenly become more dangerous. On July 2, a man received 90 stitches to his scalp after a wolf attacked him while he was sleeping on a beach on Vargas Island, just off the west coast of Vancouver Island. The same day a black bear attacked and killed Mary Beth Miller as the 24-year-old biathlete was on a training run at Canadian Forces Base Val d'Isère, northwest of Quebec City. But wildlife experts say such attacks are rare. According to Martyn Giddard, a research scientist with Ontario's

ministry of natural resources, there are generally 10 to 20 bear attacks in all of North America each year, resulting in two or three fatalities. Wolf attacks are even rarer. In fact, says Lorne Fitch, a Lethbridge, Alta.-based habitat biologist with the Alberta government, bears kill more people in the wild every year than do any of the large predatory mammals. "The chances of being hurt by an animal in the back country," he adds, "are demonstrably lower than the chances of being killed as your vehicle on the way home."

Still, the experts caution hikers and campers to learn about and respect—the species they might encounter—there is no need to go out armed and dangerous," says Fitch. "But neither armed with some information." A good place to start, says Kerry Newkirk, a Kenna, Ont.-based conservation researcher with the Canadian Wildlife Federation, is the Parks Canada Web site, www.parksCanada.gc.ca, its public safety link posts guidelines for spending in the wilderness. "There are some basic rules to avoid encounters in the first place and some basic rules about what to do if you do encounter a bear," says Newkirk.

Tips for avoiding an encounter in-

clude staying in groups, making lots of noise, keeping food sealed up, and staying alert for signs of animal activity. Corner from Fitch's disclaimer any suggestion the stores heard Miller was listening to played a role in the incident. But generally, experts say warning them in the wild is not a good idea. "You don't want to blow one of your key senses," says Fitch.

Still, the experts say there are steps people can take to improve their odds if an encounter does occur. "Talk firmly, back away, never run," says Newkirk. "Give the bear a good path to escape. Usually the bear will



Cops to capture bears faced attacks are rare

take off." Encounters with grizzly or brown bears are less frequent and more dangerous than those with black bears, he says. If a black bear does approach, a person may try to scare it off with loud noise or even hit it. With a grizzly, sometimes the only solution is to play dead, covering one's head and neck. But never turn and run from any bear. "If you panic," says Newkirk, "you will trigger an instinctive response and it will regard you as prey."

It may seem like a lot to remember, but Fitch argues it is no more than people have to think about while getting around a city. "These are all coping mechanisms that are related to understanding the terrain that you're in."

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Court upholds spanking law
Ontario Superior Court judge David McCormick upheld the so-called spanking law, allowing parents and teachers to continue physically disciplining children. A children's advocacy group had wanted the court to strike down Section 43 of the Criminal Code, which permits the use of force, but McCormick ruled parents and teachers require reasonable latitude in deciding when force is necessary.

Murder-suicide in Kitchener

One of the worst mass domestic killings in Canadian history occurred in Kitchener, Ont. Four small children were murdered by their father, Bill Lufi, 42, who also stabbed his wife to death and shot himself fatally. Authorities and Lufi had recently sought help for psychotic problems.

Dispute over genetic data

Following news that the human genome had been mapped, an official with the Royal & Sun Alliance insurance company said if genetic information becomes available, the firm would use it when assessing client risk. But an official with the Independent Life Insurance Brokers of Canada denounced the idea, saying firms could reject people because of risky DNA sequences.

Police guilty in dog shooting

Two Abbotsford, B.C., police officers involved in an abusive dog maul during a children's birthday party in which the family dog was then shot were convicted under the Police Act. Const. Matthew Seftels was found guilty by the B.C. police complaints commission of two counts of unacceptable conduct and Const. David Schneider of improper use of a firearm during the January 1999 raid. The commission will decide on disciplinary action this week.

Fighting crime with DNA

The RCMP unveiled a national DNA data bank that will hold samples from criminals convicted of serious crimes and index samples from scores of unsolved crimes. The bank, considered the best in the world, is housed in the RCMP complex in Ottawa and cost \$10.6 million to set up.

Relief in a season of storms

A sudden, intense storm flattened crops throughout the Prairies. Haskins was the Saskatchewan farming community of Vanguard, 190 km southeast of Regina, where 300 mm of rain—well over a year's worth—fell in 10 hours. The torrential rains swamped the water treatment plant and backed up sewers. Emergency officials were so concerned about water supply contamination that they ordered Vanguard's 200 residents not to drink even bottled water. Instead, fresh water was trucked in.

Three days later, rains of Winnipeg were also under water after severe thunderstorms swept through southern Manitoba. Minimal damage was reported.

The waters flooded the West the same week that Federal Agriculture Minister Lyle Vachell and his provincial counterparts signed a \$5.5-billion agreement to protect farmers from financial ruin in event of natural disasters or price collapses. It is the first nationwide disaster relief program for farmers. Ottawa will provide \$3.5 billion and the provinces \$2.2 billion in funding over the next three years. The deal will come into effect this year and will offer a variety of safety-net programs, such as



Inspired, a flooded intersection in Winnipeg (left) over a year's worth of rain.

crop insurance, cash advances, an income stabilization account and income disaster protection.

Saskatchewan Agriculture Minister Duane Lunge added that the damage in Vanguard would have to be assessed to determine whether the farmers could qualify for the new program. But he added: "This framework will add hope and optimism to the farm community in Saskatchewan."

Abortion pill tested

A Vancouver physician has begun testing a controversial French-developed birth control pill that can induce abortions up to seven weeks after conception. The purpose of the study, which will eventually involve about 1,000 women, is to compare mifepristone—originally known as RU-486—and misoprostol, a drug already available in Canada that also

can induce abortions. Dr. Ellen Wiebe, a Vancouver family practitioner who organized the study, began tests last month. Physicians in Toronto, Quebec City and Sherbrooke were expected to follow suit in the next few weeks. Pro-choice groups hope that if the current trials show it is safe and effective, Ottawa will speed up approval of mifepristone. U.S. physicians were expected to give the drug limited approval later this year.

'Preventable Genocide'

A new international report says the 1994 slaughter in Rwanda did not have to happen

It was, by any measure, one of the worst atrocities in what has often been called history's bloodiest century. Between early April and mid-July 1994, members of the Hutu majority in the very central African nation of Rwanda systematically gunned down or hacked to death with machetes up to 800,000 fellow citizens of Hutu descent. The random frenzy shocked the world. It also raised disturbing questions: namely, what caused the catastrophe and could it have been prevented? Last week, the Organisation of African Unity became the last major international body to accept answers. An OAU commissioned report described the tragedy as "preventable genocide" and called for an international effort to rebuild Rwanda. "It's like a royal commission," admits the author, Toronto-based political consultant Gerald Caplan. "You give your best advice, and pray that somebody takes it eventually."

Somebody, in this case, means the leadership of the United Nations, the United States, France and Belgium, as well as the Catholic and Anglican churches. The United Nations, the United States, Belgium and the Anglicans have all offered official apologies for failing to stop the killing. But the OAU report, prepared under the auspices of a seven-member international panel chaired by the former president of Botswana, Sir Kgamae Maseko, says the international community must do much more. First, Rwanda's external debt of \$1.5 billion, almost three times its annual budget, should be forgiven. And the United Nations should lead the reconstruction



Skulls of Rwandan victims, Dallaire (below), a profound and lasting fallout

effort, following the advice of the report. Canadian panel member Stephen Lewis harshly criticized the French government for dropping any responsibility. "There is almost no redemptive feature to the conduct of the government of France," he said. Lewis also called U.S. moves to delay UN action during the crisis "almost incomprehensible" and said of the U.S. secretary of state: "I don't know how Madeleine Albright lives with it."



One figure—former Canadian Lt.-Gen. Romeo Dallaire, who was in charge of a UN peacekeeping mission in Rwanda—emerged from the OAU investigation, as he has from other inquiries, with his reputation intact. The United Nations' New York City headquarters ignored Dallaire's January 1994 warning that the Hutu-led Rwandan government appeared to be planning the slaughter of Tutsis. But he has become a victim of the catastrophe he witnessed. Now 53, Dallaire suffers

from post-traumatic stress disorder and in April left the Canadian military. In late June, a stranger found him drunk and unconscious beneath a park bench in Hull, Que., which Dallaire later said, set back his difficult therapy.

The OAU report digs on Rwanda's grim descent into genocide and the international community's blundering responses. UN officials in Rwanda, diplomats and human rights groups all knew what was happening, according to the report. "The signposts learned they could massacre people and get away with it."

The fallout has been profound, and lasting. Two million people fled to neighbouring countries, creating new regional tensions and instability. And the emotional damage to a generation of Rwandans may be beyond repair, says Caplan. "It shatters hope," he also, rhetorically. "I hope so, but the country is in a very difficult position." And that is putting it gently.

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Last June when the Report 16 Skins Game was held at Le Diable in Mont Tremblant, Que., Mike Weir was still finding his place among golf's big league players. But it became clear from day one that Weir belonged with superstars John Daly, Fred Couples and David Duval. By day two, the pride of Brighton, Ont., proved that he could dominate the best golfers in the world. Long and straight as the tin, Weir walked his way to three skins on Monday and then on Tuesday broke the game wide open when he 20-foot put to 15 match his number in skins. To top it off on the final hole, Weir was the only golfer to make the green in two, falling in a hole put worth another \$25,000 for a final tally of 10 skins and \$210,000, his biggest payday at the time.



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Fred Couples is one of the most popular players in all of golf. Part of his appeal is the constant buffitude and goodnature swing as he booms another drive 300 yards down the fairway despite suffering from a chronic bad back. It could also be his sterling playing record. Couples has won 14 tournaments in the United States, including the Masters and the Players Championship, his five international victories, was twice voted PGA Player of the Year and teamed up with his buddy Davis Love III to win four consecutive World Cup of Golf titles. And finally it is the knowledge that Fred is one of the good guys who works hard for worthwhile causes and always takes time to acknowledge his fans.

The 40-year-old Couples is also a mas-

ter of the Skins Game format. He has won the U.S. version twice and captured the Export W Skins title as reigning four times. His total winnings in Canada alone are \$95,000 and he is expected to bust through the million dollar mark at Predator Ridge.

While Couples was unexpectedly shot out in 1999 at Mont Tremblant, he is not ready to concede the Skins crown to any of the young guns. "Mike was by far the best player last year and deserved to win," says Couples. "I'm looking forward to playing Predator Ridge and trying to regain the championship."

SERGIO GARCIA

There were plenty of seasons. The Spaniard had known as "El Niño" had already won the British, French and European Amateur titles and won a European Tour title at the tender age of 17. But the 19-year-old didn't really register on the North American consciousness until he blew through the PGA Championship last year at Medinah, Ill., chasing Tiger Woods

to the title. The most enduring memory was in the 36th, where Garcia's ball stuck in between the roots of an intractable oak tree. It appeared as if he had no shot, but



he took a huge swipe at the ball and as it miraculously headed for the green, the teenager soared into the history, leaping high in the air with a raucous lack of joy.

The charismatic Spaniard already shows signs of possessing the same kind of shot-making magic as his idol Seve Ballesteros, while proving that his PGA play was no fluke by racking up four more top 10 finishes and two wins in Europe. In the fall, he made even more believers when he paired up with junior Páez in the



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Ryder Cup. It looks like Tiger has a new playmate for at least the next 20 years.

[PHIL MICKELSON]

Last June, on a Sunday afternoon, Phil Mickelson lost the U.S. Open by one shot and by Monday had become the father of a baby girl, his first child. Nobody was sure how the two events might affect his golf game. But the man known as "Lefty" quickly let the golf world know just how much he enjoys being a dad by capturing three titles and more than \$1.3 million U.S. in the first five months of the 2000 season.

The wins were especially dramatic. At San Diego's Kiehnery, Mickelson held tough and turned back Tiger's final mound charge, ending Wood's string of six PGA victories in a row. And at the Colonial in May, Mickelson, who turned 30 in June, started the first round six shots back of the leader. But on the back nine he lit up the course with five birdies for a first-round 63 and a two-stroke victory over David Love III and Stewart Cink.

Of course Mickelson, who is one of golf's great short-game players, is no

stranger to the spotlight. At age 28 he became the only left-hander to win the U.S. Amateur and a year later, before he had even turned professional, he captured the Northern Telecom Open. Altogether, he now has rung up 16 victories and over \$10 million U.S. in prize money.

The Phoenix resident has never played in an Expert 'N Stems Game and is pumped about coming north. "I'm especially looking forward to playing in Canada again, where the fans are always tremendous and supportive. I receive so many positive messages on my Web site from friends and fans in Canada that it makes playing there even more special."

[MIKE WEIR]

Last season was the best golfing year of Mike Weir's life and looking back, the 28-year-old Canadian singles out his victory at the Expert 'N Stems game as one of the crowning highlights. "Winning the Expert 'N Stems Game was one of the turning points of my season. It was a great confidence booster," says Weir. A week after his win at Le Double, Weir was runner-up to Tiger Woods at the Western Open and then in early August he captured the Air Canada Championship, his first PGA victory. It was a stirring win, capped by an unbelievable eagle from the fairway on the 16th hole. Altogether in 1999, Weir won nearly \$1.5 million U.S., putting him 23rd



on the PGA Money List.

With the birth of a new daughter in April, Weir has been playing an abbreviated schedule in 2000 but by the end of May had already picked up five top 10 finishes and won over \$750,000 U.S. The Canadian is also expected to join such international stars as Ernie Els and Vijay Singh on the President's Cup squad which will face off against Tiger Woods and the rest of the American squad this fall.

Despite the heavy schedule, Mike Weir is giving back to golf and has recently volunteered to be a mentor to a couple of Canada's top amateur players, advising them on how to handle the pressures of the game. ■

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Saying sí to the Fox

By Andrew Phillips

Anyone who thinks Canadian and American politics are too rough-and-tumble should have checked out Mexico's just-concluded presidential campaign. The upset winner, Vicente Fox Quesada, had some choice words for his opponent, Fox, who stands an imposing six-foot-five, dismissed his principal rival, the dagger and derisive Francisco Labastida Ochoa, as *el chuperrito* ("liberty"), *el vestido* ("drag queen"), and even *senior* ("bigot"). And as if to prove he was an equal-opportunity abuser, Fox engaged another leading opponent, Cuauhtémoc Cárdenas Solís, by labelling him *ajije* *de mamá* ("mommy boy").

No one ever accused Fox of being overly refined. But by breaking the 71-year grip of the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI) on Mexico's presidency, he set off what amounts to a political revolution. Fed up with rampant corruption, crime and seemingly insurmountable poverty, Mexican voters finally said *hasta* (enough) and threw out the world's longest-surviving political dynasty. The watershed for Fox's campaign was simply "change." It won him 43 per cent of the vote, beating Labastida, the PRI candidate who captured 36 per cent. Fox saw faces an enormous challenge in maintaining the yearning for change into decided, workable policies.

He made a quick start just two days after the vote on July 2 (the day he turned 56). Meeting with reporters in Mexico City, he outlined an ambitious vision of creating a "common market" that would build on the North American Free Trade Agreement between Canada, the United States and Mexico. NAFTA, he said, has successfully expanded trade, but he wants to turn it into a truly *win-win* arrangement similar to the European Union, with open borders that allow

free movement of labour—and, "in 20, 30, or 40 years," a single North American currency. "I want to move to a consistency of national agreement that implies more than just trade," he said. "It would imply the free flow of citizens and common monetary policies."

The response from Ottawa and Washington, polite but distinctly skeptical. For from opening their borders, Americans have been reinforcing them in response to fears of terrorism and the flood of illegal migrants from Mexico. The Clinton government, wary of being seen to favour further integration with the United States, is especially cool to the notion of a common currency, presumably the U.S. dollar. While International Trade Minister Pierre Pettigrew welcomed Fox's "good intentions," he said it is doubtful that Canada would ever switch to the prebuck. Under such a monetary union, he said Canada would no longer be able to adjust domestic interest rates to stimulate or slow the economy. "It would perjure our economy," said Pettigrew, "by removing an economic lever that is quite good for us."

Some analysts, however, believe such change might come sooner than many think. Thomas Courchesne, professor of economics at Queen's University in Kingston, Ont., notes that Mexico's richer northern states are already closely integrated with the United States through NAFTA, and could adopt the U.S. dollar as a parallel currency with the peso, a move towards full dollarization. And, he adds, if Fox can fulfill his promise of getting Mexico's economic growth to seven per cent by the fourth year of his six-year term, Mexico's northern tier could quickly become as productive as much of U.S. industry. The region would have the added advantage of lower wages and currency stability, creating what Courchesne calls "in-gate heaven" for Canada



Victory celebration in Mexico City: rumbles change



Fox at his ranch: high hopes of ending corruption with a corporate style of government

Mexico's upset winner is a right-wing reformer with strong links to Canada

in competing for investment coming into North America.

The team behind the new hopes has already broken the mould of Mexican politics, even before he takes office on Dec. 1. Fox, who is of Irish and Spanish descent, was raised on his family's 440-hectare ranch in the coastal state of Guanajuato, with his eight brothers and sisters. In his campaign autobiography, Fox, who is divorced with four adopted children, argued that he grew up playing with the children of local peasants. "With them I shared my infancy, my playthings, my house and my food." The ranch was central to his campaign image: he liked to give interviews wearing blue jeans cinched by a belt buckle featuring his name in two-inch letters.

A devout Catholic, Fox was educated at Jesuit schools and was sent for a year to a Catholic high school in Wisconsin, where he learned fluent, though still-accented, English. He also spent time travelling across Canada in a carpool as a

boy—a story he happily told last week to attract his familiarity with the country. He later spent 15 years working for Coca-Cola, eventually becoming CEO for Mexico and the Caribbean, and visited Canada many times on company business.

In 1997, he returned to Guanajuato to work in his family businesses (including exporting broccoli and beans to Canada) and to launch a political career. He joined the National Action Party (PAN), formed in 1939 to speak for pro-Catholic, pro-business citizens opposed to the PRI's secular and leftist policies. Fox won election as governor of Guanajuato in 1995, and again visited Canada both to study education policies and to try to convince Bombardier Inc. of Montreal to finance a rail project (he didn't succeed). But when he launched his presidential bid in 1997, he relied less on the traditional PAN structure than on his own decentralised organisation. "The PAN's electoral base is very conservative, and he knew he had to broaden his appeal," says Armand Duchamp, director of the Mexico Project at Washington's Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Fox succeeded beyond anyone's expectations. Now, he faces a host of problems and pent-up demand for change. The PRI also lost its majority in the lower chamber of Congress, losing a legitimate dominance by two single party. Fox will have to abandon his inflammatory campaign rhetoric and reach out to old opponents to get his re-

forms through Congress. "Fox will have to rule in a new fashion," says Dan Linds, director of the Masid polling firm in Mexico City. "He'll have to be negotiator, an alliance builder."

Although Fox campaigned on the need for change, many of his policies were very similar to those pushed by the PRI. Fox did denigrate himself from the ruling party by courting support from the Catholic Church, long pushed to the margins of Mexico's political life by the determinedly secular PRI. But few observers expect him to make much of that when in office. His main challenge will be to reform the political system quickly enough to satisfy his supporters. Even on election night, they missed a chance in the streets of Mexico City. "Death fail at! Death fail at!"

With Cindy Hanson in Mexico City and John Iken in Toronto





The Orange Order threatens Irish peace

A women walks by a burning car in Portlaoine, Northern Ireland, where Protestant militants clashed with British soldiers. The fight erupted after the Protestant Orange Order was denied permission to march through a Catholic neighbourhood just weeks after the North's new government, which shares power between Catholics and Protestants, convened.

Putin faces major test in Chechnya

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who came to power in March on a tough law-and-order platform, travelled to the rebellious Chechnya republic, after rebels renewed their violent campaign for independence. Suicide bombers driving trucks packed with explosives co-ordinated attacks on several Russian bases and outposts, killing at least 60 Russian police officers who had been sent to Chechnya to keep order in towns

ruined by the Russian army. The suicide-related comparisons with the 1994-1996 Chechnya war, which ended in Russia's humiliating retreat. But at the meeting with security officials on the Chechen border, Putin vowed to confirm Russian control over the region. In the meeting, which was broadcast on Russian television, a visibly upset Putin demanded the army for failing to control the rebels. But Putin also opened the door to compromise, when he said that the Chechens might be given more control over policing—a move that could lead to self-government for the region.

Milosevic wins key constitutional change

The Yugoslav parliament approved changes to the constitution that could allow President Slobodan Milosevic to remain in office. The amendments call for the next president to be chosen by popular vote. Under the old constitutional rule, a president was chosen by the assembly for a single four-year term. The change is seen as a victory for Milosevic, who has been indicted by the UN War Crimes Tribunal over his involvement in the Kosovo crisis. Because if elected, he will be able to avoid extradition. Yugoslavists will also meet to discuss elections, ensuring that Montenegro, Serbia's smaller pro-Western partner in the Yugoslav federation, will not be able to send its own representatives to parliament.

Star Wars test fails

A key U.S. test of a rocket designed to intercept an incoming nuclear missile failed, deepening into doubt the project's viability for the controversial "Star Wars" defence plan. The interceptor, fired from a Pacific island, missed a dummy warhead in space, apparently due to a glitch in the interceptor's booster rocket.

More Fijian hostages

Fiji's hostage crisis escalated as supporters of coup leader George Speight took 30 soldiers, police and officials captive at a police station 65 km outside the capital, Suva. On May 19, Speight and his gunmen stormed Parliament and took the elected government prisoner. They continued to hold 27 people last week in custody: men at disenfranchising the ethnic Indian population and returning power to indigenous Fijians.

Embargo on diamonds

The UN Security Council imposed a global embargo on all diamond exports from Sierra Leone, where a thriving gem-for-guns trade has fuelled a 10-year civil war. The resolution bans all diamond purchases from the West African country until it acts up a system guaranteeing that its diamonds are being sold legally.

JFK blamed for crash

Investigation have concluded John F. Kennedy Jr. was probably distracted when he lost control of his single-engine Piper Sarago 11 aircraft on July 16, 1998, and crashed into the sea off Martha's Vineyard, Mass., killing himself, his wife Carolyn Bessette Kennedy and her son. The National Transportation Safety Board concluded Kennedy became confused by darkness and the haze obscuring the horizon.

British PM's son drunk

Erin Blair, the 16-year-old son of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, was found drunk and unconscious in central London after celebrating the end of the school year. The incident, in which Erin also gave police a false name, was particularly embarrassing for the Prime Minister, who has been calling for a crackdown on drunken teenagers.



More than a basic boy band

Three days, good-looking guys singing pop music are bound to be given the "boy-band" label—but the three members of *andDecide* will fight for their honor. "If you educate people and show them that you write tracks and produce tracks," Kim Lewis begins, before Dave Bowman finishes his sentence, "at the end of the day, they don't say, 'They looked really cute playing his guitar.'" Bowman is speaking of *David Gaddie*, the band's front man. And make no mistake, that's exactly what most fans are going to say about the tall blond drink of water.

The three Vancouverites met in a music program at Capilano College. They've been writing and playing together since 1991, but couldn't get anywhere as Vancouver with their R and B pop style. Last year, they moved to Toronto and released *No One Does It Better*, which spawned the hit single *Realize*. While pushing for recognition, they're also riding the wave of bubble-gum pop. Last week, they joined *Christina Aguilera* for a cross-Canada tour. Their Web site reads like *Teen* Best magazine, complete with each member's astrological sign, likes and dislikes, but they refrain from giving their ages, because, as Bowman says, "you're 16-year-old girl doesn't want to find out that I'm 28 years old." Or even older.

People

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Round 2 for Katharine Ross

Katharine Ross won't dab about her career of days gone by. The classically beautiful actress, who starred with Robert Redford and Paul Newman in 1969's *Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid* and was Dustin Hoffman's object of affection in 1967's *The Graduate*, says, in a bored tone, that those days were "In general, pretty enjoyable." Hollywood was never her favorite thing; after making those two films and more than 20 others, she remained to a ranch near Malibu, Calif., to start a family with her husband, actor Sam Elliott. "After I had my daughter," says Ross, 58, "I felt it was more important that I embrace motherhood and not pursue a career in the business."

Now that her daughter, Chloe, is a teenager, Ross says she's ready for a comeback, and will film two movies this sum-



mer. Her comeback will be helped by the current re-release of *Butch*. The DVD and video edition highlights Ross' quiet, alluring presence and heady sex appeal—qualities that live on, 31 years later.

Leila's life: Dutoit, diapers

For *Leila Josefowicz*, touring isn't intensive. The 22-year-old violinist played at least twice a month in touring ensembles, but is joined at each stop by her three-month-old baby, *Luksa*, her mother, *Wendy* (who takes care of the baby) and her husband, conductor *Karajan Jaur*—who arranges his performing schedule as they aren't apart. Recently, as Josefowicz practiced with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, gondola set in the center landing to a well-beloved baby "I'll tell all the time she's so lucky," says Wendy. "Because she was nothing like this!"

"When I was 5," says Josefowicz, "I told my dad, 'Maybe you should stop, you're not so good,' and I continued." She studied at the Curtis Institute in Philadelphia and released her first album at 17. Her latest album is a recording of violin concertos by Mendelssohn and Glazunov with *Cherish Dutoit* conducting the Montreal Symphony Orchestra. Josefowicz and her husband are major figures in the New York City classical music scene. *Alvin*, 27, leads *Knoxville Ensemble*, which Josefowicz describes as "a progressive, almost rock-and-roll type of classical group." *Alvin's* musical rockiness has begun to rub off on Josefowicz, whose next project is a collection of ragtime tunes. "I used to be such a traditionalist," she says. "Now I feel like I want to go crazy!"

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New Pipe Dreams

In the 1970s, native protests helped stop the Mackenzie Valley pipeline. Now, native leaders want to see it built.

By Brian Bergman

Along with many other young native activists in the 1970s, Northwest Territories Premier Stephen Kakofan has political teeth fighting against a proposed megaproject to build a northern pipeline through the Mackenzie Valley to the Beaufort Sea. At the time, critics saw the pipeline as a bid by southern-based business interests to exploit the vast oil and gas wealth of the North with little regard to the impact on the people who lived there. Fast-forward to the spring and summer of 2000, when Kakofan can often be found addressing

business audiences on the virtues of a project he once decried. "The construction of a pipeline through the Mackenzie Valley is the key that will unlock the development of our oil and gas," the 45-year-old premier recently told energy executives in Calgary. "We believe the time is right for making this vision a reality."

The bold dream of unleashing the resource riches of the Far North is back—with a vengeance. Record-high natural gas prices and supplies that just can't keep up with the ever-expanding North American demand are stirring industry eyes northward. Technological advances in pipeline construction and drilling have significantly reduced the cost of tapping the resource, both in the Mackenzie Delta and in Alaska's Prudhoe Bay. As the same time, native land claims—the main stumbling block to the pipeline dreams of the 1970s—have, for the most part, been resolved. "It's not so much a matter of if a pipeline will be built, as when," says Roland George, a gas consultant with Calgary-based Purvis



The Alaska pipeline snakes south, Kakofan (left). "We believe the time is right for making this vision a reality."

& Gerni Inc. "This is going to be the next major frontier for resource development."

At least one proponent, Texas-based Arctic Resources Co. Ltd., is talking about having a preliminary application before Canada's National Energy Board by the end of the year. And even the more conservative industry insiders are predicting that a northern pipeline should be constructed and in operation by 2010. In the meantime, there is a flurry of activity among potential stakeholders in a project that, depending on the route, could cost anywhere from \$3 billion to \$8 billion in some key developments.

■ In February, four of Canada's largest energy companies—Imperial Oil Resources Ltd., Shell Canada Ltd., M&B Oil Canada and Gulf Canada Resources Ltd.—launched a joint study into the feasibility of developing and transporting Mackenzie Delta gas. Producers are also intensifying efforts to further "prove up" the extent of delta gas reserves—

a critical factor in justifying the costs of building a pipeline.

■ Last month, two of Canada's biggest pipeline firms, Westcoast Energy Inc. and TransCanada PipeLines Ltd., confirmed they were jointly studying options for a northern pipeline. One alternative is doubling off the route that Foothills Pipe Lines Ltd. first proposed in the 1970s, to take Alaskan natural gas northwest through the Yukon, British Columbia and Alberta to the United States. TransCanada and Westcoast each own a 50-percent share of Foothills Pipe Lines.

■ As the recent World Petroleum Congress in Calgary, John Browne, chief executive officer of the world's second-largest petroleum producer, BP Amoco PLC, added his voice to the growing consensus that a northern pipeline will likely be built before the end of the decade. Browne said BP Amoco—which has a major stake in Prudhoe Bay and holdings in the Mackenzie Delta—will consider taking an ownership position in any future pipeline.

It was, in fact, just a matter of time before this modern version of the Gold Rush roared in earnest. The price is simply too alluring. The National Energy Board estimates there are one million cubic feet of discovered natural gas reserves in the Mackenzie Delta—and at least another \$5 billion yet to be found. In sheer volume, that would amount to more than a third of the known reserves in the more traditional gas fields of Alberta. To the west of the delta, in Prudhoe Bay, there are proven gas reserves of 30 billion cubic feet and estimated total reserves of more than 100 billion. Northern Alaska is already a significant oil-producing area, generating over one million barrels per day, which is piped south across Alaska and then put on tanker ships.

The potential resource windfall is what fanned the original pipeline proposals three decades ago. At that time, Canadian Arctic Gas Pipeline Ltd., a consortium of Canadian and American companies, proposed a route from Prudhoe Bay across the northern Yukon to the Mackenzie Delta, then south to Alberta. Calgary-based Foothills Pipe Lines concurred with an plan to bring Prudhoe gas directly south to a route that would parallel the Alaskan Highway, and later to add a link to the delta resources along the Yukon's Dempster Highway.

The Canadian Arctic Gas pipeline, in particular, drew the ire of southern environmentalists and northern natives alike. The route traversed the coastal plain of Alaska and the Yukon, traditional hunting grounds in the Inupiat, Gwich'in and other native regions depended. In 1974, the Trudeau government appointed Thomas Berger, then a B.C. Supreme Court justice, to investigate. Berger took to the task with uncommon enthusiasm. First, he heard in Yellowknife from 300 expert witnesses. Then he travelled to 35 remote

THE GAS RUSH

Proposed pipeline routes



communications and lobbied directly to northern. The hearings attracted widespread media coverage, giving many activists their first real opportunity to voice their fears, frustrations—and aspirations—to the rest of the country.

In May, 1977, Berger recommended that, for environmental reasons, no pipeline should ever be built along the northern coastal plains. And although Berger concluded that an environmentally sound pipeline could be built through the Mackenzie Valley, he urged a 10-year moratorium on pipeline construction in the region to allow time to settle native land claims. Ottawa endorsed his recommendations.

In a potentially significant footnote, two months after



Berger in 1977, his report (right) incited environmental enthusiasm

Berger tabled his report the National Energy Board granted regulatory approval to the routing proposed by Fortuiche—again, a way that legally still existed. The company soon abandoned the project in the face of ballooning construction costs and an anticipated gas glut that persisted through much of the 1990s, depressing prices. All that has now dramatically changed: demand is soaring, and the Alberta spot price for gas now has doubled between January and the end of June, from \$2.50 per gigajoule (roughly 1,000 cubic feet) to \$5.50. That is well above the \$4.50 per gigajoule level analysts say is needed to make a northern pipeline viable. Seasonal futures pushed the price back to \$4.65 last week, but it is expected to return to a level above \$5 later in the year and stay high.

The latest round of pipeline fever began last October when former federal Conservative cabinet minister Harvie Anderson unveiled an ambitious \$8-billion plan to bring both Prudhoe Bay and delta gas on stream as early as 2005. And it is a Calgary management consultancy and the Canadian chairman of Arctic Resources Co. Ltd., a new consortium launched by a group of Texas financiers. They are proposing a 1,760-km pipeline, from Boundary Lake on the northern B.C.-Alberta border to the Mackenzie Delta, that would connect with a sec-

ond 520-km line to Prudhoe Bay to be built offshore, in the arctic. And it argues that the economics of scale realized by harnessing both the Prudhoe and delta reserves would significantly improve the rate of return for producers. He also mentions that, by placing the Prudhoe Bay portion offshore, the environmental risks identified in the 1970s can be sidestepped. "Twenty-five years ago, there weren't a lot of ocean-bottom pipelines," he says. "The technology has changed enormously and today there are thousands of kilometers of these."

And he has been involved for months in talks with northern aboriginal groups and territorial government officials. So, too, have TransCanada and Western. In addition to the original Fortuiche line, the pipeline plans are also actively considering the option of a pipeline through the Mackenzie Valley. "There's a lot of meetings going on," reports Nellie Cournoyea, chairman of the Inuvialuit Regional Corp., the body that administers the land claim reached by Ottawa in the Beaufort Sea region in 1984. "The major companies are all in this area and we deal with them every day."

Cournoyea, a veteran native leader and former premier of the Northwest Territories, says the biggest change since the 1970s is that the oil and gas industry values aboriginal people as an integral part of development, and that they must receive a fair share of resource revenue and have the opportunity to invest directly in pipelines and offshore businesses. The territory's current premier echoes that view. "When we said 'No' to the pipeline in the 1970s, it wasn't 'win,' it was 'lose,'" Kaden told Maclean's. "Aboriginal people are no longer going to be thrown aside and trampled and sold out by industry and government."

The exact timing and route for a northern pipeline will largely depend on how quickly producers want to bring the gas to market—and the regulatory hurdles they must overcome. If speed is of the essence, says Calgary-based analyst John Macdowell, then the road may go to the \$7.6-billion, 2,700-km Fortuiche line, which follows existing highways and has approved right-of-way. But if capital costs are the key consideration, then the shorter (1,800-km), cheaper (in estimated \$3.6 billion) Mackenzie Valley route may have the edge. And that pipeline, led to the delta and Prudhoe Bay, cannot be ruled out, adds Macdowell, although the offshore portion would face intense scrutiny from both Canadian and U.S. authorities. Yukon Premier Pat Duncan, for instance, says the world fight is offshore issues, as well as any plan for traversing the northern Yukon.

And how does the man who played such a critical role in the last pipeline drama view the play? Thomas Berger, who now practices law in Vancouver, is sanguine. "The whole idea behind the inquiry," Berger told Maclean's, "was to protect the environment and ensure that, if there was major development, native people should be players. And they feel ready. I gather, to do that." They do, and the race to the North's riches is back in full throttle. ■



Deirdre McMurdy

The Bay Street bullies

In the first half of 2000, the Toronto Stock Exchange was the top-performing securities market in the world. From January to the end of June, it returned 21 per cent to investors, largely because of the strength of Noriel Newton's share.

But even as this accomplishment was duly noted last month, it was overshadowed by a scandal that raised disturbing questions about the integrity of performance measurement in other segments of the Canadian investment industry. Months of investigation culminated in charges of "high costs," against venerable pension fund manager RT Capital Management Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada. In order to inflate end-of-period fund results, alleged the Ontario Securities Commission, senior portfolio managers had artificially pumped up closing prices on 26 stocks, many of them thinly traded.

It's not the first time large institutional investors have been caught breaking the rules in Canada. There have been other cases of floor and suspension for high closing and front-running, which occurs when fund managers lay shares for their personal account before buying them for the funds. Boosting the price with a big order. But it is the first time that domestic regulators, largely discredited as weak weaklings, have fully found their muscles.

The reasons for that tough new stance are twofold. First, if Canada wants to hold its own in competitive international capital markets, the integrity of rules and their enforcement is paramount. Second, the OSC is anxious to match the tough standards of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Failure to do so could result in the SEC withdrawing an automatic acceptance of securities documents filed in Canada.

But Canadian regulators, however noble their intentions, face some very specific challenges. First, Canada remains a small, illiquid market where large mutual and pension funds wield tremendous power. The people who manage these funds can have pressure on the system because their capital is opaque—under federal law, 75 per cent must remain in Canada to be RRSP-eligible. And there are few competitors, aside from Noriel and BCE Inc., with a public float large enough to allow such managers to overstep their limits.

Furthermore, despite the best efforts of regulators, there are several common power plays that can skew the results of investment transactions in domestic markets—but are very hard to eliminate. In addition to investment with high closing, for example, many institutional investors routinely

demand detailed information about the trading activity and strategy of their competitors. Because traders' business—and bonuses—depend on commission revenues from the big gains, they usually comply.

Investment analysts also come under pressures that can distort their contribution to investor knowledge. Officials of companies the analysts follow often push them to produce the most flattering reports possible. Those who downgrade a stock, from a "buy" to a "hold," may encounter problems gaining the necessary access to management in future. For that reason, investment analysts have replaced "buy," "sell" and "hold" recommendations with such subtle gradations as "neutral hold," "strong buy" or "speculative buy." To further appease companies, more analysts publicly preserve their endorsements of a stock, while privately warning off professional customers.

The price for not playing the game can be steep: If analysts incur the wrath of a company, their brokerage firm may be cut out of the lucrative corporate finance loop or a senior executive may openly lobby to have a critical analyst fired.

At the root of this cycle of fear and greed is the Holy Grail of quarterly performance. Money managers who fail to match their track or consistently improve on their own standards stand to lose millions of dollars' worth of funds—along with the management fees. For that reason, institutional investors badly traders, and they have also become increasingly aggressive with company management, pushing them to pursue any business plan that will pump up the share price. This is the kind of pressure that has greatly contributed to the recent round of hostile mergers and acquisitions, the merits of which are still not apparent to many eyes.

While the discipline of regular measurements and comparison is valuable, it can also be destructive when it is taken too far. And it has undoubtedly reached an extreme point when the focus on immediate returns begins to distort markets and compromise the fiduciary responsibility of those entrusted to manage the savings of individuals.

What are the lessons from the RT Capital trading scandal? It is probably time for most investors to adjust their expectations for immediate results and do more of their own homework. Large institutions, like the Royal Bank, must realize that they owe it to their clients—and the future of their business—to have a more rigorous set of controls and checks in place. And regulators must learn how good it feels to pursue and prosecute those who break the rules—and breach a trust.

Global's got it—a TV network

After years of sparring with regulators, and sometimes his own business partners, entrepreneur Guy Ager has achieved a long-held dream. The founder of Winnipeg-based CanWest Global Communications Corp. now provides over a string of television stations that stretches from Victoria to Halifax.



After the realization of a long-held dream

Global



steps that such consolidation will help Canadian companies achieve "the cultural objectives set out in the Broadcasting Act."

The ruling effectively places the national TV landscape by allowing CanWest to compete more directly with the two existing English-language networks, CBC and CTV. It could also lead to further cross-country competition. As part of the decision, CanWest is required to sell Moosehead, CIBC and Vancouver's CKVL. A likely buyer for the Vancouver station is Toronto-based CHUM Ltd., which could extend its edge. City TV franchise to the city CHUM was also granted a TV licence in Victoria.

Courtroom battles in the tobacco war

A U.S. district court judge ruled over Ontario's \$1-billion lawsuit against Toronto-based RJR-Macdonald Inc. The government says the tobacco giant strangled huge amounts of cigarettes in Canada in the early 1980s, for which it owes back taxes. But the judge in Syracuse, N.Y., said U.S. courts cannot enforce foreign tax laws. In Montreal, meanwhile, three major cigarette firms launched a suit challenging a new federal law that requires graphic health warnings that would cover half the package. The firms cited the right to freedom of expression.

Financial Outlook

This doesn't look like General Motors' rise. Its Canadian vehicle sales are falling, off nearly a full per cent from June of last year. And as market share,

while still the largest, has slipped to 30.6 per cent from 32.2 per cent. "GM is struggling with its products," says auto analyst Dennis DeRoos, who compiled the figures. "One-third to one-half of its vehicles are not competitive." GM, he notes, doesn't have a vehicle to match the success of the Honda Civic, the Ford Focus and Chrysler's PT Cruiser. The Civic and Focus are fighting for the No. 1 spot, each selling roughly 16,000 units this year through May. While the GM Thruze now takes overall sales fall by 1.5 per cent in its year Japanese and European vehicles each rose by about nine per cent.

Saudi oil promise

After Saudi Arabia pledged to pump more oil in order to bring down world prices, the cost of a barrel of crude fell by five per cent. The Saudi commitment of an extra 500,000 barrels per day backed a consensus among members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which is trying to keep the price high by limiting production. But even with the drop, analysts say the cost of gasoline—which has surged by 20 cents a litre or more in recent months—will fall by only three or four cents a litre this summer.

Royal damage: control

As some of its clients talked about moving their pension assets out of the firm, KIP Capital Management Inc. pledged to reimburse its customers for all excess fees and costs incurred as a result of a stock manipulation scheme. The Ontario Securities Commission has accused KIP, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Royal Bank of Canada, and 22 individuals of artificially inflating the performance of pension funds. The fine hearing is due on July 19.

Merging airline points

Air Canada announced that the three million members of the Canadian Airlines frequent flyer program will join Air Canada's Aeroplan program on Jan. 1, 2000. Canadian Plus points will be converted to Aeroplan miles on a one-for-one basis.

Pause in job growth

Canadian employment declined slightly—by 14,100 jobs—in June, the first monthly setback since January, 1998. The unemployment rate stayed unchanged at 6.6 per cent. A similar trend in the United States sent market higher, as confidence grew that a gently slowing economy would head off new interest-rate hikes.

The Bay on the Net

In an effort to turn itself into a leading North American e-tailer, the Hudson's Bay Co. formed an alliance with IBM Canada Ltd., Microsoft Canada Co. and Oracle Corp. Canada Inc. The heavyweight group plans to use the Bay as a showcase for e-business.

Tech Explorer



Lin and an alien friend, 'incredible'

A slice of Mars in Canada

As a child, Darlene Lin's hero was the unfazed explorer Jacques Cousteau. Today, Lin continues her fascination with the unknown, only now her passions lie with Mars. Lin, 28, left the comfortable confines of her University of Toronto geology lab for the chilly desert terrain of the Houghton monsoon crater on Devon Island in Canada's High Arctic. The Mars Society, a Lakewood, Colo.-based group promoting the exploration of the red planet, is now assembling the Flashline Mars Arctic Research Station on the 23-million-year-old, 21-km-wide crater, where the harsh climate, as well as the geology, is considered to be a reasonable approximation of that of Mars.

Lin, a member of the society's Toronto chapter, plans to take time from her doctoral research to help assemble the two-story, six-person living quarters, slated for completion on July 20. Volunteers are expected to begin a two-week evaluation of the facility's design once it is built. They will eat and sleep in their reserve home, and venture outside in mock Mars space suits to conduct geological tests. In future, teams will spend longer there in the warm months. "That," says Lin, "is the start of an incredible journey."

Darlene Hineschick

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ROGERS MEDIA

On the mean streets

In his clinic in a seedy hotel, a Vancouver physician cares for a truly needy clientele

By Jennifer Hunter

At 9:30 a.m., the doctor who runs the clinic is late, as usual. The patients are lined up in the hallway, a narrow passage filled with the noisily-biting scent of stale smoke and sour sweat. Leon, a 33-year-old Aboriginal woman whose features are blotted by years of street life, needs a new prescription for methadone. Dennis, a scrawny 34-year-old with bloodshot eyes on his swollen face, seems half as big as he looks. He has AIDS, suffers from asthma and lives for his daily hit of cocaine. Andrea, 34, a poet with luscious strawberry-blond hair and a unicorn tattooed on her right shoulder, is prepping heavily from not having a hit of crackhead. The doctor arrives a few minutes later, his curly hair unruly by a comb, his black wool jacket frayed with tufts of dog hair from his husky, Rosie. He invites the first patient, Leon, into the tiny clinic.

One year ago, Dr. Gabor Masi, 56, was opening his own family practice in Vancouver with a working-class and middle-class clientele. He did that for 20 years, delivering babies, helping the elderly get hip-replacement surgery, acting as psychologist to patients needing a sympathetic ear. He was the sort



Masi with a patient, who asked not to be named, energy and interesting people

of doctor who made house calls and had his home number listed in the telephone directory so patients could call whenever they had a "He was wonderful," says Johanna Husar, a 49-year-old classical clarinetist and mother of two, a patient of Masi for 13 years. "He was very responsive to our needs." He also had a medical reputation in suburb of a weekly medical column in *The Globe and Mail* and of

Seventeen magazine, his 1999 best-selling book on addiction: *Dr. Masi*.

But after two decades of this life, Masi wanted a change. His goal was to radically alter the way he practiced medicine—and not easily for altruistic reasons. On the personal side, he wanted to curb his workaholic tendencies and spend more time with his wife, Rae, and three children, aged 26, 21 and 11. An approach by a group that

provides housing for the homeless in Vancouver's drug- and alcohol-plagued Downtown Eastside provided his opportunity. The Portland Hotel Society needed a physician to run a clinic in the Portland Hotel, one of the four low-cost residences it operates in the impoverished neighborhood.

Masi sold his practice and took the job. Now, he spends 30 hours a day manning the addition and disease-ridden patients of the clinic, and is on call 24 hours a day. He also works several afternoons a week as a palliative-care hospice or visiting his clinic, patients in hospital. "The work here really stretches you medically," says Masi. "It allows me to educate myself about areas such as drug addiction and HIV. And I feel I am providing a service for those who need it the most." He is also generally home for dinner.

His patients pose some challenging medical problems: injection drug use, alcoholism, crack addiction, HIV—most often combined with mental illness. Few have been able to get regular medical help. "Some of them have been harmed from doctors' offices because of their disturbing behaviors," explains Kristin Suersbacher, director of operations for the Portland Hotel Society. The hotel clinic is open to even the most problematic among the 260 residents of the Portland, Royal, Washington and Sonoma hotels.

Masi, says Suersbacher, fills the Portland society's requirements perfectly. "We were looking for someone flexible enough to deal with a group of people who are often considered unmanageable," she explains. "Gabor is very committed to these people and their

plight. He really listens to them. They love him, and that is crucial for us." Masi says as soon as he walked into the Portland, he felt at home. "This place is so full of energy," he says, "so full of interesting individuals."

Dr. John Blackwell, chief medical health officer for the Vancouver/Richmond Health Board, which funds the clinic, says it requires a certain temperament to practice in the Downtown Eastside, one of the poorest neighborhoods in Canada. Not only are many patients addicted to drugs or alcohol, they often have acute infections, chronic diseases and life-threatening illnesses. There is tuberculosis, 90 per cent of intravenous drug users have hepatitis C, and last year an epidemic of syphilis swept through the neighborhood. Although other doctors have offices in the area, Masi is the only one operating inside one of the most many spartan residences. "All who choose to work in the area do a favour for the rest of the medical profession," says Blackwell. "They are taking on work that other doctors would have difficulty doing."

Masi insists there is nothing romantic about his decision. "What is important is the work being done down here, not any particular physician," he says. But others admire his willingness to give up a comfortable practice to take care of the disadvantaged. "Those of us blessed with health can go by without Gabor," says former patient Husar. "It's the neediest people who need him."

Masi's background helps explain his compassion for the less fortunate. He was born to a Jewish family in Budapest in January, 1946, on the eve of the Nazi occupation of Hungary. Jews were being deported to concentration camps and Masi's father, Andre, was slowly in a forced labour brigade in Transylvania. With living conditions almost unbearable, Masi's mother, Judith, barely let her husband in the care of a stranger. The family lived on in Budapest after the war, but left for Canada in 1956 after the Hungarian uprising and Soviet invasion. "I've grown up with the awareness of how humble and difficult life can be for some people

through no fault of their own," says Masi. "It helps me feel there is good work to be done everywhere."

A very intense man, Masi is becoming a well-known figure in the Downtown Eastside. After noon, wicker chairs from the Royal Hotel back to the Portland, always behind schedule, people stop him to ask for help. He accompanies patients on visits to the specialist and visits them regularly when they are in hospital. In the fall, Masi hopes to begin work on a new book, about the connection between repressed emotions and chronic illness, based on his work in palliative care.

As Masi arrives at the Portland,

The Downtown Eastside by numbers

- Population in 1996 census: **15,275**
- Est. street-level drug users: **4,700**
- Drug users who are HIV positive: **29 per cent**
- Drug users with hepatitis C: **90 per cent**
- Annual deaths per 100,000 people from AIDS: **14.5**
- Rate for all of Vancouver: **4.2**

SOURCE: HASTINGS, VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Christine, a crack addict hooked on the couch in the lobby, beckons him. "I got cramps," she complains. He invites her up to the clinic on the second floor and prescribes an anti-inflammatory to deal with her severe menstrual pain. His banner word patients indicates their comfort with him and his respect for them. "He is awesome," says Christine, 32. "He did a pop test on me [checking for cervical cancer] and he was so gentle I and women would stand lining up outside the office with their pants down." Masi, looking up from writing the prescriptions, says with a straight face: "The last happened yet, Christine." Nonetheless, patients do line up at the Portland to see him. They know he is there to do what he can to heal their pain. ■

Harry Potter Inc.

The boy wizard makes a spectacular return, in 5.7 million profit-spinning copies of a novel that lives up to all the hype

By Brian Bethune

The *Hogwarts Express* has finally burst out of the station, both literally and figuratively. On July 8, after close to a year of mind-bogglingly escalating hype, author J.K. Rowling (Kathleen) Rowling embarked on a first-day promotional trip around Britain—in an antique steam train danc[ing] up to the one in her novels. On the same day, her long-awaited *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*—the latest installment in the most popular children's book series ever penned—finally hit the bookshelves. And not a moment too soon for many. "I just have to have that book," 10-year-old Kim Loring of Malibu said last week. She was far from alone in counting the days. Three earlier volumes of Harry's adventures at Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry have together sold 35 million copies worldwide and made Rowling exceedingly wealthy (an increasing number of product spinoffs and a movie due next year will make her even more so). The books' initial domestic best-seller lists, and their audience, now include hundreds of thousands of adults.

Now 14 years old, Harry comes on his slim shoulders the peso-occupation of idling fans, the hopes of three publishing houses and the ambitions of his occu-

the creator. At 636 pages, *Goblet of Fire* is almost as long as the first three novels combined. Priced at a hefty suggested retail price of \$35, and with considerably darker corners clearly aimed at older readers, it represents a considerable gamble on Rowling's part. But if the author was worried that the climax of the fourth volume might disappoint her phenomenal audience, she gave no sign of it during a chaotic media scrum—two cameramen actually got into a fight—as King's Cross train station in London. "Yes," Rowling agreed with a nod to a shouted query, "*Goblet of Fire* is darker in mood" than her other books. "But that's the whole idea."

As in the three earlier adventures, most of the action takes place at the Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, where the orphaned Harry battles his enemies, who range from school bullies to the evil Lord Voldemort, murderer of

Harry's parents. And, as before, *Goblet of Fire* absorbs characters from the whole spectrum of children's literature: magic powers, growing-up, school relationships, the pain of being different, the loss of loved ones. And, as before, the result is a wonderful story. The 33-year-old author, the most famous single mother in Britain (she has a 10-year-old daughter), is highly inventive, funny, a plot planner and a superb narrator. Her ability to make the parts that are supposed to be exciting actually so—a much more difficult art than it sounds—may be unmatched among her contemporaries. "I read the first book with my 11-year-old son, Simon," remarks Eleanor Lefson, owner of Mabel's Fabrics in Toronto. "And I still remember his heart beating against my arm during the last chapter."

Such is Harry's magical pull that *Goblet of Fire*'s unusual marketing, campaign-by-silence, attracted very few fans. No advance copies were sent for review, and for months all that was known about the novel were two facts, offered by Rowling herself: a character would die, and Harry, as before his age, would start to notice girls. Then in April, the length and price were revealed, and on June 26, the title and cover prices were leaked. As a result, the very lack of information rushed children's already high level of anticipation into the atmosphere. The campaign rolled along with remarkably few glitches. About 20 copies somehow found their way onto WM-Mart bookshelves in Virginia a week before they should have, and Laura Carroll, 8, of Fairfax, Va., found herself both a lucky customer and, briefly, a media darling. In Canada no books were opened until the very last day, when the owner of two Toronto bookstores, claiming she thought the publisher would want "to give the little more a head start," sold 150 of her 150 copies in four hours.

Wizard Steve Moore counts down the seconds to midnight at a Toronto indie store; Rowling (below) darker

latter would want "to give the little more a head start," sold 150 of her 150 copies in four hours.

The demand for *Goblet of Fire* seems so sure so that it is quite possible most of the 5.7 million copies—the biggest print run for any English-language hard-cover novel—will be sold before a single child finishes reading it. The Potter series long ago shattered all previous marks in children's publishing and is now topping adult records. The unprecedented printings by Rowling's three publishers—Bloomsbury PLC in Britain, Scholastic Inc. in the United States and, in Canada, Raincoast Books of Vancouver—reflect a similar level of interest. Online book retailer Amazon.com had more than 325,000 pre-orders, eight times its previous high (for John Grisham's *The Brethren*). In Canada, Raincoast learned 10 days before the book was to go on sale that bookshelves had ordered all 300,000 first-run copies—almost more than twice the total of a Peter Newman or Margaret Atwood best-seller—so it printed



Amazing Escapades

By D'Arcy Jenish and Barbara Wickens

Ah, summer. Time to flee the office. Time to enjoy the sun. Time to relax. Time to crack open one of those juicily entertaining books that go so well

with a cool drink and a comfortable lawn chair. This season offers the usual array of light reads—everything from breezy romances to fast-paced thrillers to breezy celebrity tell-alls. A sampling:

In his engaging *Last Resort: A Memoir* (McClelland & Stewart, 279 pages, \$32.95), *Los Angeles Times* critic Steve Barlow tells us the people employed at camps where holiday-makers park trailers, pitch tents or rent cabins. In 1966, when he was 17, his parents acquired a place called Green Acres in central Oregon's Klamath Lake district, and the young Barlow spent his summers working as a low-budget, campish clerk. There were pools of stinky fish tanks to haul to the camp dump daily. And, occasionally, there were angry shrieks of "Lutwiler!" from the women's washroom when the toilet paper had run out. A barometer column with *The Summer Sun*, Barlow makes light of these indignities, and writes with admirable openness about his dysfunctional family.

Those with a taste for references and contemporary should consider *White Teeth* (Penguin, 462 pages, \$24.95) by British novelist Zadie Smith, or American writer Chris Bohjalian's *Time-Space Radio* (Random House, 344 pages, \$37). The lengthy *White Teeth* might consume a week of beach-bound afternoons, but is worth the effort. Smith, a 26-year-old Cambridge University graduate, has crafted a colorful comic saga spanning 25 years in the lives of three London families: the Jewish Chicks, the Bengali Muslim Igahs and the mixed-race Joneses. The fun begins on New Year's Day 1973, with the protagonist, Archie Jones, trying to go himself while parked in the delivery van behind an Irish Indian brother shop, only to be interrupted by the owner, who tells him "We're not here for you to be around here. The place has to be kept clean. If you're going to be around here, my friend, I'm afraid you've got to be thoroughly fixed first."



Oppert: MacLaine (below), a thriller about a doctor who finds a cure for cancer in a death-row inmate's blood, and a Hollywood star's chronicle of a pilgrimage in northern Spain



Springer-style topless.

Sex takes a back seat to politics in two new releases, the May Higgins Clark thriller *Before I Say Good-Bye* (Random House, 332 pages, \$37.95) and Jay Kleim's *The Runaway Maze* (Random House, 403 pages, \$37.95), the sequel to his anonymously published 1996 mega-seller *Primary Colors: A Novel of Politics*. Clark is a make-no-bones-about-it writer of mass-market fiction, and her latest is about a young woman named Nell MacDermott who possesses psychic powers and has been grounded from youth to take over her uncle's New York City congressional seat. The biggest obstacle is her corrupt architect husband, Adam



Gault, who dies early but re-establishes contact with MacDermott through a medium and nearly pushes her in the path of a killer.

Klein, Washington correspondent for *The New Yorker*, has loftier ambitions. He sets out to write a novel about the fate of a good man in the ruthless game of politics. The hero is Charlie Martin, a midwestern Democratic senator who lost his party's presidential nomination in *Primary Colors* to the wily southerner and Bill Clinton look-alike Jack Stanton. This time out, Martin is quietly seeking re-election, but is in danger of being undone by an unscrupulous Republican, and by his love for the wealthy, attractive New Yorker Nell Polanski. A midwestern senator is obviously less interesting than a slick southerner who wins the White House. But Klein's novel is doomed by other problems regarding dialogue, misbehavior—namely characters and a core opening scene in which Charlie proposes to Nell at sunset in a cornfield near his beloved horse.

The Devil Came (HarperCollins, 363 pages, \$32) is Kenneth Oppel's first mystery, but he is no neophyte novelist. At age 32, the Toronto author has already published 16 books, including the award-winning young-adult fiction *Silencing* and *Sawing*. So it is not surprising that he can create compelling characters and have them deliver believable dialogue. More unusual, and intriguing, is the medical thriller's plot. Dr. Laura Donaldson thinks she has found a cure for cancer in a death-row inmate, but David Flores, a psychopath jailed for killing 100,000, he escapes just days before his scheduled execution. The hunt is on to capture him before he can kill more doctors, especially Donaldson. In Oppel's hands, it all seems entirely plausible.



Shepherd with Bogdanovich: a lively autobiography check-full of sex, work gossip and wacky characters

In his first novel, Washington-based Stephen Horst, 53, relies on some tried-and-true stereotypes. In *Her Defiance* (HarperCollins, 376 pages, \$37.95) tells the story of a beautiful, worldly widow charged with murder and the down-to-earth lawyer who redempt himself as he defends her. Like John Grisham and Scott Turow, Horst is himself a lawyer, and the courtroom intrigue has the sort of edge that only an insider can provide. And while Horst may seem cliché, he never descends into cliché.

In *The Caribbe: A Journey of the Spirit* (Pocket Books, 307 pages, \$36.95), across Shirley MacLaine has penned a sort of *Pilgrims Progress* for New Agers. It is her ninth book, and this time the *Oscar*-winning star visits the Santiago de Compostela Camino, an 800-km trek that devout Christians have been making across northern Spain since at least AD 970. She starts with a friend, who drops out, then hooks up with some true believers, two Irish girls and a Hispanic couple. But MacLaine isn't buying into that old-time religion. And why should she? After all, she's the devil in a spiritual realm all her own. When she stops to patch up a blisters foot, an angel appears to her. When faced to face the Spanish monks, which has been open for years, the entire a dramatic state and receive enlightenment from a mysterious monk named John the Baptist. It's all a little bewildering, and will no doubt have the skeptics asking: does she really believe this stuff?

After MacLaine's misadventures, the even-tempered Cybil Shepherd brings the reader back to earth. Her autobiography, *Cybil Disobedience* (HarperCollins, 294 pages, \$39.50), is check-full of sex and Hollywood gossip. The Memphis, Tenn.-born beauty and 50-year-old mother of three has had a career spanning modeling, movies, regional theatre, prime-time sitcoms and, near fall, a new talk show. The only thing missing from her book is an editor to guide the reader through to the delicious parts, like the night she slept with Elvis at Graceland, and the former actress—Dustin Hoffman, Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, Hitchcock—turnable from the page. She portrays them as being against, this-world-out, in the case of married director Orson Welles, a little wary. He once came for dinner and stayed two years with Shepherd and her then partner, director Peter Bogdanovich.

Welles spent much time watching *Swing Street* and, when he opened the fridge to find his favorite meat was all gone, would bellow "WISIO ATE THE LAST PUGSICLE!" To another remarkable detail in a book offering just about everything a beach reader could want. **B**



Barney at age 13: making light of indiglobes in Ontario cottage country

Finding Reality in Fiction

By John Burt Foster

Odd creatures, human beings. They make up stories, then talk about the characters in those stories as if they were



Below: his novel is mostly brilliant, wide-ranging talk about a thinly disguised old friend, American educator Alan Bloom

Vancouver-based author screenwriter gets to caught up in the pleasure often culturally dull narrative voice that she scarcely penetrates the surface of her tales. But when she dips deeper, the results are impressive. In the first story "Look, and Pass On," a young man called Alan gives 18-year-old Bridget a ride from New Brunswick to Ontario. In portraying her strange (and very funny) indifference to his advances, Cooley creates a memorable portrait of unassailable individuality.

A similar theme, with a darker twist, runs through Katherine Gower's stark novel, *The Truth Teller* (Random House, \$23.95). It's about an eccentric, elderly married couple who for decades have run a small Toronto school for wealthy rich children. Confronted and vindicated to the point of insanity, the pair are close to stereotypes, so their final ordering by their truth-telling students feels less disturbing than it is obviously meant to be. Yet Gower has constructed an intelligent and entertaining social comedy that shows how vanity can have its roots in fear.

In her novel *Afterimage* (HarperFlamingo, \$28.95), Helen Humphreys pumps new life into that rarely old fictional vehicle, the historical romance. The year is 1865, and Annie Phelps, a young Irishwoman orphaned by famine, has just found work as a servant in an English country house. Her mistress, Isabella, is a photographer (echoes of Julia Margaret Cameron) who uses scenes using Annie as a model. Humphreys' depiction of Annie's gradual self-assertion seems schematic at times, yet this novel is always capable of a radical inventiveness, especially in the scene when the two women exchange a not-so-chaste kiss.

There's no real Irishness aplenty in Marcia Cohen's posho-



Order: Cooley (below) when the comically dull Vancouver writer digs deep beneath the surface, the results are impressive

powered by anger and a bitter love, laying bare what his narrator calls "America's most treacherous and subversive pleasure: the ecstasy of cynicism." The story returns as well into Cooley's territory where that quintessentially American pursuit, redemption of the self and the past, leads to beautiful and violent death.

A comparable epic-epic novel through Joyce Carol Oates's massive *Blonde* (HarperCollins, \$38.95, \$41.95), the story of Norma Jean Baker, aka Marilyn

Monroe. Weaving fiction and fact, Oates miraculously recreates the soul of the young woman from California who somehow got lost in a Boulevard-saturated nowhere land somewhere between her girlish self and the sex goddess she portrayed. In a similar vein, Nobel Prize-winner Saul Bellow's *Ravelstein* (Viking, \$23.95, \$24.95) also fires on a real-life figure, American educator Alan Bloom. Below thrills by giving us his old friend (who died in 1992 of complications from AIDS) as Abe Ravelstein, genius, mentor, teacher and best friend. This orienting novel is mostly brilliant, wide-

-ranging talk, but it's also occasionally convincing that Bellow's earlier books.

John Updike, at 68 still the most effortlessly flatter writer in America, has wrapped in with Gertrude and Claudine (Knopf, \$12.95, \$15), an account of the loss of Hamlet's parents. It's really just another of Updike's ruminations (he felt the thrill of deception between his legs," he writes of Hamlet's fatherless mother) decked out in historical garb. Though hardly a major contribution to his body of work, it's worth a try. A more substantial offering is Barlow in *The Angel on the Roof* (The Russell Books Series, Knopf, \$26.95, \$24.95), a selection of 30 years' worth of short fiction, including new ones. As a chronicler of working-class America,



the author of the novel *The Sweet Hereafter* and *Afternoon* knows no peers. There's something about Barlow's rough-edged yet unassailably intelligent narrative voice that makes you want him again, whether he's writing about a man manhandling a bear in anger, or a father buying new shoes for his son. In fact, in with the best of these authors, it is easy to forget that he's writing fiction. ■

ness story collection, *Getting Lucky* (Knopf, \$24.95, \$32.95). Cohen—who died last year at 57, shortly after winning the Governor General's Award for his novel *Eden and After*—begins one story with the sentence, "One day I found the word Dostoevsky parked in my mind like a train in an empty station." And it just gets better from there: a surreal parable about creativity in which Fyodor Dostoevsky moves into the young narrator's house and has an affair with his mother. Witty in the dispenser sense, the best of these stories open unsuspected secret passages between the funny bone and the brain.

Anita Rau Badami made a considerable splash with her first novel, *Timorist Moon*. Now the Vancouver writer is back with another family saga, *The House Walk* (Knopf, \$29.95, \$29.95), set in a stuffily bourgeois house in British Columbia. Remember the central idea of George Eliot's *Silas Marner*, Badami shows how an embittered old copywriter called Silvester is slowly transformed by the arrival in his home of his orphaned granddaughter from Canada. Badami too often describes what she should dramatize. But she has a compelling affection for her characters, and a true artist's eye for details that bring them alive. Silvester's passion for writing letters-to-the-editor wonderfully evokes a real connection between self-interest and an interest to seek the truth.

Among new American novels, perhaps the best is Philip Roth's *The Human Stain* (Thomas Allen, \$61.95, \$36.95). It's about a New England classic professor, Coleman Miller, who is humiliated into retirement by unjust accusations of racism. Roth has fashioned a compelling fic-

Pages to Stretch the Mind

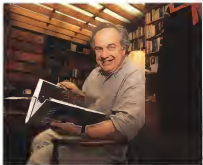
By Brian Bethune and Barbara Wickens

From Canadian history and politics to the marvels of elephants to literary criticism, the season's nonfiction includes exceptional new books for those who

prefer real people and places. Some of the best:

It was a lumpy moment when John Fraser—creator of *Maney College* at the University of Toronto, *National Post* media columnist and quincennial Tory (regardless of whom he votes for)—let upon the idea of updating and Canadianizing the 1918 classic *Emmett's Victoria*. Lynne Serach's book was a quarter of shy biographical sketches designed to punctuate Victorian criticism by tracking prominent 19th-century Britons. *Emmett's Canadians* (McClelland & Stewart, 366 pages, \$34.95), however, comes not to bury but to praise.

Fraser has taken four Canadians of the Victorian era and compared them with four of their modern counterparts: John Strachan, Anglican bishop of Toronto from 1839 to 1867, pairing with Terence Pinsky; his successor from 1983, founding *Globe* editor George Brown with William Thorold; editor of *The Globe and Mail* from 1985 to 1999, Irvine Minister Wilfrid Laurier (1856-1911) with Jean Chrétien; and Queen Victoria (1817-1901) with her great-great-granddaughter Queen Elizabeth II. Even those who can accept the idea of the two majesties being Canadian in any meaningful sense



Fraser: the elephant *Mighty Topsy* in 1928 (below); profiles illustrating how today's Canada is rooted in the past, and showing instances of violence between men and polytheists

may find the author's other subjects just a shade too cerebral Canadian. But that is all of a piece with Fraser's basic thesis: Canadians ignore their history at their peril. The author's constitutional and political order dates back to its earliest days, the result of hard-won compromises that cannot be altered without pure risk. Full of anecdote, highly amusing gossip and surprising connections between past and present, *Emmett's Canadians* is a eminently readable popular history.

The prolific American literary critic Harold Bloom is now 70, and for the past few years the Yale professor has been reading "against the clock." Presumably that is why his latest books have summed up the mighties of a distinguished career. In 1998, it was his monumental *Shakespeare: The Invention of the Human*, and now Bloom has written *How to Read and Why* (Doubleday, 283 pages, \$37), a book equally entertaining. Bloom's view of life is essentially tragic, and the value of literature to him lies in how it helps cope with the solitude that is the human condition: reading "is the most healing of pleasures—we read to strengthen the self." To that

end, Bloom trains his own art, which he describes as making "what is implicit in a book explicit," on literature short stories, poems, plays and novels. He means not meanings and allusions many others would read and, best of all, shows readers how to do it for themselves. Clear your mind of cutesy academic advice, and read yourself.

The Astonishing Elephant (Random House, 308 pages, \$38.95) by veteran American journalist Shana Alexander fully deserves its title. She deftly catalogues the known facts, many of them deeply depressing, about one of the most indestructible and intelligent creatures to ever walk the earth—such as the calamitous decline in their numbers in the past century. But the most extraordinary passages in Alexander's book detail the mutual slaughter psychotyrants and humans have wreaked upon each other in North America in the past 200 years. The few elephants brought to the continent by circus and zoo have starved, disoriented or smeared into walls dozens of trunks and specimens. And not once, according to the scientists and handlers Alexander interviews, by accident.

In response, humans have killed almost as many elephants—by shooting (up to 2,000 rounds at a time), electrocution, poison or, in one gruesome species of revenge, hanging. In 1916, so-called Mordant Mary, who had just killed her truster, was hanged by a portable railway derrick in Ewen, Texas. By the First World War, every bull elephant in American circuses had been killed and replaced by more docile females, many of which were given male names to fool the public. (Although, as Mordant Mary proved, that was no sacrifice merely for elephantine violence.) Several striking episodes in this strange saga occurred in Canada, including the great *Cowboy* escape of 1928, when four elephants bolted from a paddock in the B.C. town and roamed at large for three weeks in the surrounding woods.

After years of pressure from her publisher—and from worldwide—to write an autobiography, British mystery novelist P.D. James finally relented. She has gone about it, of course, in a manner entirely befitting one of the foremost writers of the genre, as author whose track in trade is the unexpected. *Time to Be in Earnest: A Fragment of Autobiography* (Knopf Canada, 209 pages, \$35.95) chronicles a year in her life, from her

77th to 78th birthdays (she turns 80 in August). Daily events serve as a springboard for her recollections of the past, philosophizing on the art and craft of writing, and musing on life in general. Her conversational tone makes readers feel as if they have had a long chat with a wise and witty if occasionally stiff-upper-lipped, old friend. *Time to Be in Earnest* is a pure pleasure and pure delight.

On the Canadian Alliance front, there is Claire Hoy's timely new biography, *Successful Day: His Life and Politics* (Sodidan, 176 pages, \$29.95). It is a sympathetic but reasonably thorough treatment by a prominent, right-wing journalist. Hoy does not shy away from Day's more controversial comments—on gay rights, abortion and religious-school funding—or he discusses the Alberta treasurer's pre-Canadian background. Born in Barrie, Ont., Day grew up in Montreal and Ottawa before moving west in 1967. Prior to entering politics in 1985, the economy dropout worked variously as a deckhand, lumberjack, salesman, social worker and Perseus.com page. Day and his family spoke often to Hoy, and the book's most interesting portions consist of Day's frank explanation of his religious conversion and his views on the intersection of religion and politics.

Given the circumstances of Michael David Kwiat's early life, it is remarkable that he is still around to write about a 66 year later. Born in Beijing in 1924, Kwiat was the son of a Swiss mother and a Chinese father, a wealthy railway administrator who was both an official in the Japanese puppet

government and a spy for Chinese resistance forces. With his memoirs,

Things That Must Not Be Forgotten (Macfarlane & White & Ross, 244 pages, \$29.95), Kwiat, a Vancouver musician and playwright, has written an eloquent, moving story of loss. As long as the warring Chinese forces of nationalists and Communists were united against the Japanese invader, the elder Kwiat's dangers were amplified, though by no means lessened. At one point, his resistance work included piloting a downed American flyer while he was living beside a Japanese admiral. Discovery would have meant execution for the crime family. The Kwiat's greatest peril came after the Japanese defeat, when China descended into anarchy and was and was not a nation again, and the rich, in 1946, David was sent alone to study in Hong Kong, with only \$100 and a scrap of paper with the address of his much older half-brother Tim. Kwiat's story is a window into the hardships that navigated his move back in the mid-20th century that is made all the more compelling by his child's-eye view and dramatic gift for telling detail. ■



Kwiat: an eloquent, moving memoir of growing up in strife-torn China and losing his parents



Words from Wanderers

By Susan Oh

St. Augustine, the fourth-century Christian scholar who travelled widely around the Mediterranean, once wrote that the world is a book, and that those

who didn't venture afar read only one page. But with the space of travel books and magazines available today, another adventure can occur without leaving home. The best of this search-and-adventure books also provide insights into harder-to-come-by territory—hidden cultures of both past and present that reveal as much about the human condition as about cultural geography.

In *Honeycreek in Parish* (Knopf Canada, 322 pages, \$32.95), Peterborough, Ont.-based Alison Whiting has assembled a series of rich and funny anecdotes about lives, a nation few Westerners get beneath the surface of. Her latest is a true story of a country even a handy globetrotter like Whiting wouldn't go to alone, because of its male-dominated society. Instead, in 1955 she pretended to be at a honeymoon with her gay roommate, Ian, as they spent five months in the arid Muslim country. The author, an award-winning magazine writer who was then 28, donned a black *chador* or Muslim head covering, to explore fresh colours and lively culture. Among the cast of native Muslims she presents are a hip, U.S.-militarized opium dealer who dreams of California, and a bawdy, jolly Afghan narrator who had been imprisoned for his faith during the country's late-1970s Islamic revolution.

Boots and Dreams (Knopf Canada, 376 pages, \$34.95) by Canadian-born Lila Segura is another chronicle by an on-the-ground writer. But the poet and journalist, who has lived in Chile for 19 years, had some inside knowledge when she set out to write about Chile's Atacama Desert. It is the driest place on earth, one that houses archaeological relics, pyramids and other human ruins. Starting out in the Chilean capital of Santiago, she heads north to the desert, tracing thousands of years of history via the mists of Lake Naza, a 16th-century Inca prince who travelled the route as a guide of Chile's first conquistador, Diego de Almagro. Bored and saturated with poetic imagery, *Boots and Dreams* is a haunting tribute to a forbidding place.

In *Sand Dunes* (McClelland & Stewart, 213 pages, \$39.95), Dulce—based adventurer and photographer Bruce



Stewart: the rain in Spain can also wreak havoc in the mountains of Andalusia, where he and his family live

Kirkby documents his crossing of the largest desert in the world, the legendary Empty Quarter in southern Arabia, undertaken with two fellow Canadians, brothers Jesse and Leigh Clarke, in February last year. The trip retraced the 1907 crossing by world-famous explorer Sir Wilfred Thesiger, when they visited in London before setting off on the expedition (Thesiger contributes the foreword). The team stayed as true to the spirit of the original journey as possible, traveling on camel for 40 days and surviving on dried camel meat, dates and blackish water. Kirkby's straightforward account is illustrated by his stunning colour photography, which depicts vistas of such grandeur that the reader understands how the muslims persevered despite freezing desert nights, scorpion stings and early camels.

Journey of the Pink Dolphins (Devron, 317 pages, \$37.50) is the tale of New Hampshire naturalist and volunteer by Montgomery's often hair-raising quest to swim with and study the legendary pink dolphins of the Amazon basin. Travelling through Brazil and Peru, the author braved poisonous bugs and piranhas, pursuing the mammals by canoe and by climbing huge jungle trees (which allowed her to spot them). Along the way, she encountered scientists, shamans and tourists, and she experienced with a billionfold in order to communicate with dolphin spirits. Her sense of

wonder and respect for the creatures infuse the book.

A Viking Voyages (Random House, 365 pages, \$30) by Maine journalist W. Moulding Carter describes one man's quest for the authentic Viking experience. The amusingly funny account details how a reluctant adventurer without any experience or love of sailing, but obsessed with Viking voyages to the New World, crossed three years of his life and hundreds of thousands of dollars to building a replica Viking cargo ship. Once the craft was ready, in 1990 Carter retraced the route taken by Leif Eriksson—thought to be the first European to reach the North American mainland, in the year 1000.

Left for Dead (Random House, 292 pages, \$37.95) by podologist Fred Weathers with Stephen G. Michael, is the first-hand account by a survivor of the catastrophic May, 1996, Mount Everest expedition famously chronicled in Jon Krakauer's best-seller *Into Thin Air*. During the climb, which left eight people dead, Weathers went into a hypothermic coma for 18 hours. Severe frostbite destroyed his hands and a large section of his face. This is more of an emotional and personal account of the ordeal than Krakauer's. Weathers has written a self-portrait of a man who became a workaholic and extreme sports addict to stave off depression, emotionally abandoning his family in the process. He also shares the lessons he learned from his maniculous race and the arduous recovery he went through with the help of his wife, Paula, from whom he was estranged at the time of the expedition. *Left for Dead* is a harrowing tale inspired by Whittaker's fellow guide humor.

Humour also pervades *Diving over Lemons* (Random House, 248 pages, \$32.95), written by Chris Stewart, the first drummer for the British rock band Genesis, who quit in 1968—before the band became hugely famous—to become a sheep-shearer and travel writer. Life Whittaker, Stewart writes about a rustic quest, but this time it is for a home with his wife in the remote mountains of Andalusia in southern Spain. It is a beautiful land of almond and lemon groves, but lacking accessible roads, running water and electricity. Stewart comically tells of procuring his mountain farmland from constant flood with the help of his drink-hurly and re-sentful neighbours while weathering dung dirt, fish-

hood and the biting wit of his wife, Ann.

Fans of the prolific, best-selling travel writer Paul Theroux will appreciate *Feet-Air-Find* (McClelland & Stewart, 452 pages, \$38.95), which includes 32 penetrating pieces from the past 15 years. Picked as the travel guide of his generation, Theroux cuts a keen and wry eye on unusual and isolated spots on five continents, from the remote woods of Maine to Hong Kong at the time of its chaotically ordered hand-over to China. Theroux also delves into personal landscapes, recalling his friendships with fellow writers such as Bruce Chatwin and Graham Greene—and providing very personal outtakes from some of his best-known works.



Image from *Sand Dunes*: travelling on camel for 40 days and surviving on dried camel meat, dates and blackish water

The Global Soul (Random House, 303 pages, \$38) by Paul Theroux contains crisp and intelligent essays on the unbearable lightness of being everywhere. Yes, reader of five earlier travel books, explores the often-disorienting transnational culture that has swept most of the world, as well as the convergence of a magnanimity and global economy who no longer define as separate themselves according to nationality or other conventional labels. A British-educated nurse from Indian living in Japan, Theroux has become comfortable with contemporary apocryphal. He is in his element whether visiting a strip mall in California or a village in England. *Four decades* in either chapter to Toronto multiculturalism and the authors with global souls—including Michael Ondaatje and Steven Schindler—the city travels. As far as he is concerned, Canadian armchair travellers who yearn to see the world need go no further than their nation's biggest city. ■

To sir with love

Sean Connery, who spent most of his career as a superagent playing secret agent James Bond, was knighted last week by Queen Elizabeth II—at long last. The dashing, 60-year-old actor, who played agent 007 from 1971 (audience meet in 1991), was at the heart of a political storm two years ago. Plans to honour him then were reportedly derailed by the ruling British Labour Party because, said his supporters, of his support for Scottish independence.

At the ceremony in Edinburgh, the new knight—on full highland regalia, including kilt—was mum about his long wait, saying only that it was one of the proudest days of his life. Connery takes home a gold medal—all the way back to the Marbelle, Spain, villa where he and wife Michelle have lived for the past quarter century.

Connery in full highland regalia



Pop Movies

1. The Perfect Storm (PG-13)	\$5,111,948
2. The Peacemaker (TV-14)	\$2,179,428
3. Mr. Magoo (G)	\$2,068,200
4. Krippner (R)	\$1,344,362
5. Memento (R)	\$1,053,436
6. How to Succeed in Business (PG)	\$818,220
7. Journeys of Emily and Rebeca (PG)	\$650,210
8. What's Cooking? (PG)	\$625,940
9. Glitter (PG)	\$590,720
10. Boys and Girls (TV-14)	\$584,200

Top movies in Canada, ranked according to their weekend-grossing ticket sales (weekend box office). (The number of screens is in parentheses.)

Source: Entertainment Weekly

Fortunes of Greek Lov

Hollywood's chronicle of one-way, director-screenwriter Amy Heckerling (*Character*), is at it again. In *Lover*, Jason Biggs (*Common*) is an unlikely college nerd in New York City who gets a makeover and co-education paragon Mena Suvari, another Pe star, to ditch her job of a boyfriend. Oscar nominee Greg Kinnear (*The* pair then take an ironic who-did they write before and—naturally—fall in love. The lesson got lucky.

Biggs' ex-freelance lover in New York



Ryan's fancy

It's official—the 12-year relationship of one of Hollywood's favourite all-American couples is over. Meg Ryan, 38, and Dennis Quaid, 46, announced their separation through their publicist, who wouldn't confirm if the couple—parents of Jack Henry, 8—would file



Ryan and Quaid over for divorce. Speculation on reasons for the split ranged from Quaid's rav-

ing eye to Ryan's connection with actor Russell Crowe. Private extras who worked on Quaid's football drama *Any Given Sunday* insisted the star was "very aggressive." Still, a firm set is where Ryan and Crowe reportedly bonded. They star in the upcoming drama *Proof of Life*.



Hugh Jackman as Wolverine: Jackman rebel with retractable claws

Wolverine rebel with retractable claws. Ray Park (*Darth Maul* in *Star Wars*) is the tongue-lashing villain Tond, and Anna Paquin is moving as the aliened teen Regan. Rebecca Romijn-Stamos, Famke Janssen and Halle Berry all strike great poses. Forget the story line and enjoy the show.

Best Sellers

Fiction		CD/Box
1. <i>ABLE, BODILY</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	1	
2. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	2	
3. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	3	
4. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	4	
5. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	5	
6. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	6	
7. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	7	
8. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	8	
9. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	9	
10. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	10	

Nonfiction	
1. <i>IN A NORTHERN COUNTRY</i> by Robert M. Lynd (H)	1
2. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	2
3. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	3
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10. <i>THE HUNTER</i> by Michael Ondaatje (H)	10

Science meets culture

The 23-week-long, messy in *The Lying Stones of Marrakech* (Random House) are proof that Stephen Jay Gould remains the finest popularizer of natural-science writing today. Recently, Gould's work has focused on the relationship of science with its surrounding culture. He was the life of the *Corse de Buffon* (the greatest naturalist of the 18th century, remembered today only for having remarked "the style is the man himself"), to weigh the facts involved in intellectual fame. And a discussion of just what Richard Owen meant to bring to mind in his listeners when he coined the word "dinosaur" serves to illuminate the great evolution debate of Victorian Britain. Gould knows the history of science as well as anyone, and uses it here to show how scientific advances depend on a complex interplay between thinker and society.



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What Matters to Canadians



Allan Fotheringham

A bash to remember

Janet Bertson, over the years, has often been asked why her husband, at noisy parties, is standing off in a corner, ignoring everybody, a blank look on his face.

"He's not ignoring everyone," she explains patiently for the 100th time. "He's writing a column." The man who played gay in the *Business* doesn't waste a minute when an idea suddenly hits his brain.

There won't be much standing around this week when about 1,381 of his closest friends celebrate his 80th birthday at his rambling (ramshackle, some would say) digs in Kleinburg, an hour north of Toronto. There won't be many standing either, come to think of it, considering the galleon of Pinxten kept constantly filled all day by his sons at the celebrated annual Bertson birthday bash.

Peter Bertson, songwriter, playwright, star of stage, screen and radio, has written 58 books in 38 years. Or is it 1,381 books in 1,381 years? No one can remember. Every historian in the land loans his gun—because he has actually made Canadian history interesting. And readable. That's not done in the land of academe. That's scandal.

Raised in Dawson City in the Yukon, he and a teenage pal got drunk, stole a car, rolled it and were arrested. Appearing in court, he could see himself in jail, his university dreams gone. The mere car owner walked in. The judge took one look and declared: "Case dismissed." It was the town boogie.

Bertson confessed years later that he might have rented out a vicious drinker, but for a piece of good luck. He passed out quickly.

He claims the only reason he squeaked a BA out of the University of British Columbia was because an absent-minded professor lost the exam papers of his entire class—and therefore had to give them all a pass mark.

He was the youngest city editor in Canada at age 21. After he and *Newsweek* vice managing editor Hal Straughn, a soliciting genius right out of *The First Page*, put out the morning edition, they would repair to Leslie Park, finish off a 26-ounce out of the neck of the bottle, then they would return and put out the afternoon edition. "That was just the day," Bertson recalls. "Then there was the night."

After a broken story about Headless Valley in the Far North and alleged racist skulls that made international headlines,

the clumsy Scott Young came over from Toronto, bought Bertson a drink and said *Maclean* editor Arthur Brown had empowered him to offer the Vancouver headline between \$4,500 and \$4,700 a year. It was 1947. Bertson looked at the floor for a moment, and said: "I think I'll take the \$4,700."

That fateful party at the Star was memorable even by that madhouse standard. At the height of the festivities, comrades marched in with stretchers, strapped the happy couple onto them and carried them downstairs to a fake police car that crashed through Roy Munro's drive with a siren on top.

The stretchers, bound into being in a fit of pique, were dumped on the Air Canada concourse and everyone disappeared. I guess you had to be there.

With no money, the Bertsons returned to remote Kleinburg, he first trying off an orange crate. Then the children in rapid succession began to arrive (even if so at last count). Janet, one eye closed, should have been given the Victoria Cross years ago. The madhouse shod up with each child, by now numbering an extended mood.

Bertson and Gordon Sinclair, star of *Front Page Challenge*, noted that guests such as Winston Churchill and the president of France were getting fun of \$2,500 while the four pinches were getting around \$50. They took on the CBC brass. Soon the pinches were getting the real loot. Bertson, who once wrote that as a socialist he would leave all his money to charity, not his children, became known as our "shopkeeper."

On a national TV show, Bertson was once asked if there were any more interesting Canadian stories to be told. "Of course," he said. "Nugan, Feltz, The Disease, Quinlan." I was giving it away. Fred? Twenty years later, he had two more best-sellers: *Nugan*, *The Disease* and *Quinlan*.

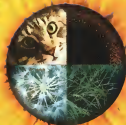
When the stars at the CBC killed the longest-running show they ever had, *Front Page Challenge*, they informed him through his secretary. They said they would have a farewell lunch. As a matter of vicious taste, I wrote the most vicious one ever to the relevant executive, looking him for missing Bertson, Betty Kennedy and Fred Davis so carefully. Guess what? They cancelled the lunch! To this day, no CBC exec has thanked Bertson for his 37 years.

He says his favourite book still is *The Secret World of Og*, written to amuse his ten children. He received a letter: "This is the best book I have read in my whole life." The girl was 6



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